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## **Decision from the European Commission regarding anti-trust practices in the heat stabilizer market**

**Arkema notes the European Commission's decision relating to past anti-trust practices in the heat stabilizer\* market, and confirms that this fine will have no impact on its results.**

The European Commission issued a total fine of 28.6 million euros to Arkema France and its former parent company Elf Aquitaine for past anti-trust practices in the heat stabilizer market prior to 2000. In application of the warranty agreed with Total at the time of the spin-off, Arkema will bear 10% of the total amount, i.e. 2.9 million euros. Moreover, this fine will have no impact on Arkema's results bearing in mind the provisions already booked. Once Arkema receives the full decision, it may consider whether to lodge an appeal with the European Court of First Instance.

From its creation in October 2004, Arkema has clearly stated that it condemns concerted practices and is committed to establishing commercial relations based on strict compliance with competition rules, as set out in its Compliance Program.

*\* Heat stabilizers are additives used to improve a polymer's resistance to heat.*

*A global chemical company and France's leading chemicals producer, Arkema consists of three businesses: Vinyl Products, Industrial Chemicals, and Performance Products. Arkema reports sales of 5.6 billion euros. Arkema has 15,000 employees in over 40 countries and six research centers located in France, the United States and Japan. With internationally recognized brands, Arkema holds leadership positions in its principal markets.*

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