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## **Second share capital increase reserved for Arkema employees is a success**

**The success of this second share capital increase reserved for Arkema employees underlines their confidence in the Group's development project. Some 3,400 Arkema employees and former employees from 17 countries have subscribed to 824,424 shares in total, increasing the employees' holdings in Arkema share capital to almost 5 %.**

Two years after the first such operation, Arkema performed a new share capital increase on April 15<sup>th</sup> 2010, with the aim of continuing to encourage its employees to be part of the Group's development.

The subscription period took place from March 10<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> 2010, with a subscription price of €20.63 per share, as set by the Board of Directors on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010. This price corresponds to the average of the Arkema share opening market price at the Paris *Bourse* over the 20 trading days preceding the Board of Directors' meeting, minus a 20 % discount.

Following this operation, Arkema's share capital has increased to €612,793,970 divided into 61,279,397 shares, and employees' holdings from 3.6 % to almost 5 %.

*A global chemical company, Arkema consists of three businesses: Vinyl Products, Industrial Chemicals, and Performance Products. Arkema reported sales of 4.4 billion euros in 2009. Arkema has 13,800 employees in over 40 countries and seven 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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