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## **Chinese company Qinghai Salt Lake Industry Group Co., Ltd acquires three licenses to use Arkema's PVC production processes**

**The Chinese company Qinghai Salt Lake Industry Group Co., Ltd has opted for Arkema's PVC production processes for a 230 kT PVC Suspension production plant, a 35 kT PVC Emulsion plant, and a 6 kT Chlorinated PVC plant. As part of the cooperation agreement reached in November 2008 with Arkema, Aker Solutions will prepare the basic engineering for two of the plants initially.**

*"The licensing agreement concluded for three licenses confirms the remarkable quality of Arkema's PVC production processes, which makes them one of the most efficient PVC technologies in the world. Our partnership with Aker Solutions, one of the world's leading engineering and construction groups, has undoubtedly been a key element in the choice made by Qinghai Salt Lake Industry Group Co., Ltd,"* states Otto Takken, Executive Vice President of Arkema's Vinyl Products business segment.

*"The choice made by Qinghai Salt Lake Industry Group Co., Ltd for Arkema's technology in combination with Aker Solutions' solid expertise in designing and delivering projects in China, is a further illustration of the successful partnership between our companies,"* says Johan Cossen, SVP - Europe, Middle East and Africa for Aker Solutions' Process and Construction business.

The licensing agreement covers the operation of the Arkema technologies, basic engineering, and technical support for the plants' startup.

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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Aker Solutions' parent company is Aker Solutions ASA. Aker Solutions has aggregated annual revenues of approximately NOK 54 billion and employs approximately 22 000 people in about 30 countries.

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