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## **Arkema invests €30 million euros to develop and strengthen the competitiveness of the Carling site**

**In line with the development plan of the Carling site around the acrylics activity launched in June 2009, as well as the commitments made at the time, Arkema now announces the construction of a new production line for DMAEA, an acrylic acid derivative, base product for flocculants used in wastewater treatment, together with a plan to upgrade the site's energy production plant. This capital expenditure represents €30 million overall.**

The construction of a new DMAEA (dimethyl amino ethyl acrylate) production line to replace an old one will help increase the site's capacity by 30% and consolidate Arkema's position as Europe's leader for this product. The new plant will become operational in the first half of 2012, and the capacity increase will help meet demand in the fast growing markets of Europe and Asia resulting in particular from increasingly stringent standards for the treatment of municipal and industrial wastewater as well as the growing volume of effluents to be treated.

The capital expenditure program announced today also includes the replacement of a boiler that will improve the site's energy efficiency.

The Carling acrylic acid production capacity ranks the site among the top such facilities in the world. The development of a full acrylate range with the startup of the 2EHA plant at the end of 2009 and the latest investments announced today will strengthen the site's downstream integration and strengthen its long-term competitiveness.

*Arkema also produces acrylic acid in the United States at Clear Lake and Bayport (Texas).*

*A global chemical company and France's leading chemicals producer, **Arkema** is building the future of the chemical industry every day. Deploying a responsible, innovation-based approach, we produce state-of-the-art specialty chemicals that provide customers with practical solutions to such challenges as climate change, access to drinking water, the future of energy, fossil fuel preservation and the need for lighter materials. With operations in more than 40 countries, 14,000 employees and seven research centers, Arkema generates annual revenue of around €5.5 billion and holds leadership positions in all its markets with a portfolio of internationally recognized brands. **The world is our inspiration.***

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