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## **Arkema trebles its polyamide production capacities in China**

**With a view to strengthening its high performance polyamide offering in Asia, Arkema announces a threefold production increase at its Changshu plant near Shanghai by 2013. These new polyamide capacities will help Arkema meet the sharply growing demand from its Asian customers, in particular in the automotive and energy markets.**

This capacity increase covers products from the **Rilsan**<sup>®</sup> (biosourced polyamide 11) and **Rilsamid**<sup>®</sup> (polyamide 12) families, and will entail the construction of a new production line with a polymerization capacity of 6,000 metric tons. The plant will start producing in the first half of 2012, reaching full capacity by summer 2013.

*“The capacity increase of our Changshu site illustrates our long-term commitment to our customers in the Chinese and Asian markets. It will help boost our leading position in the high performance polyamide markets, while also providing our customers with local service from our competitive platform in Changshu”,* indicates Frédéric Marot-Achillas, Managing Director Technical Polymers Business Unit.

*Used extensively in high added value high tech applications, **Rilsan**<sup>®</sup> and **Rilsamid**<sup>®</sup> are the only polyamides on the market to combine a range of outstanding top-of-the range qualities. They stand out in particular by their thermal and chemical stability, their mechanical strength, and countless design and processing possibilities.*

*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 €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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