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Extension of Forane[®] 125 production capacity and construction of a refrigerant blend unit on Changshu site

Arkema Daikin Advanced Fluorochemicals Co. Ltd (60% Arkema / 40% Daikin JV) has announced a 30% increase in production capacity at their HFC-125 fluorogas plant started early 2010, as well as the construction of a refrigerant blend unit, both on the Changshu site in China. Arkema thus reaffirms its commitment to investing in new generation fluorogas production in order to partner air-conditioning equipment manufacturers in a changing regulatory environment.

The HFC-125 fluorogas capacity extension announced today, to be effective late 2012, will enable Arkema to meet increasing demand from air-conditioning manufacturing customers in China and South-East Asia in the light of changing fluorogas regulations. HFC-125 is indeed one of the key components of new generation refrigerant blends, in particular the R-410A blend used as an HCFC-22 substitute.

Along with this capacity increase, Arkema Daikin Advanced Fluorochemicals Co. Ltd has also announced the construction of a new production plant for HFC R-410A refrigerant fluid blends, due to come on stream by the end of the first half 2012.

« Both these significant investments will strengthen Arkema's position as a world leader in refrigerant fluids. They are perfectly consistent with our strategy to partner our customers in Asia, a fast-growing region in which China plays a major role in the manufacture of building air-conditioning equipment » explains Rich Rowe, Managing Director of Arkema's Fluorochemicals business unit.

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***Daikin** is a global leader in the manufacture of commercial and industrial air-conditioning systems, and holds more than one-third of the market share in Japan. Daikin is also one of the world leaders in fluorochemicals, with nearly 20% of the world market. Daikin is a dynamic global company with a well-established presence in five major regions: Japan, China, Asia & Oceania, Europe, and North America.*

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