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Arkema opens New Bostik Production Facility and Training Center in Dallas, Texas

Bostik, a leading global adhesive specialist for construction, consumer and industrial manufacturing markets, has announced the opening of its new Dallas plant, one of many strategic plants being built around the globe. This site will produce ceramic tile adhesives (CTA) and floor preparation products.

"We are pleased to expand our manufacturing presence in the United States," stated Bob Marquette, Senior Vice President – Americas. "Dallas is a key market for new construction, and having production located near demand centers is a critical component of our business development strategy for the construction market. Our new Dallas plant will enable us to provide our customers with superior on-site technical service, reduced freight costs, timely and convenient delivery and a centrally located fulfillment warehouse."

The opening of the new facility follows recent plant inaugurations in India, Malaysia and Brazil and will complement Bostik's existing manufacturing presence in the United States. The tiling and floor preparation products being manufactured at the facility are based on Bostik's world-class Polymer Modified Binder (PMB) technology platform which remains a focus of its ongoing innovation, research and development activities.

The highly automated design of the facility will offer a positive impact on safety, quality and productivity. In addition to production, the Dallas location also offers a state-of-the-art onsite training and demonstration facility. Customers will be fully educated on how to use Bostik products by using them hands-on and seeing how they are produced in one location. Training events geared toward contractors, distributors, specifiers and all other industry partners will be scheduled to occur on a regular basis.

A Grand Opening Celebration is scheduled for December 7, 2015.

Bostik is a leading global adhesive specialist in construction, consumer and industrial manufacturing markets. For more than a century, it has been developing innovative adhesive solutions that are smarter and more adaptive to the forces that shape daily lives. From cradle to grave, from home to office, Bostik's smart adhesives can be found everywhere. With annual sales of \in 1.5 billion, the company employs 4,800 people and has a presence in more than 50 countries. Bostik is a company of Arkema. Visit bostik.com for more information.

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