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Arkema expands Bostik manufacturing capacities in Malaysia

Bostik, the specialty adhesives business line of Arkema, has expanded its cementitious products manufacturing capacities, based on its world-class Polymer Modified Binder (PMB) technology, at its Seremban plant in Malaysia. As a leading global adhesive specialist for construction, consumer and industrial markets, Bostik will be able to serve growing construction market demand in Central Malaysia, North Malaysia and Sabah regions.

With the significant expansion of its production capacities in Seremban, Bostik has increased its manufacturing presence in Malaysia, enabling it to better serve construction customers in Central Malaysia, including Kuala Lumpur, North Malaysia and Sabah.

This extended site manufactures cementitious construction products including ceramic tile adhesives, tile grouts, floor levelling compounds and wall finishing products. These productions are based on Bostik's world-class Polymer Modified Binder (PMB) technology which remains a focus of its ongoing innovation, research and development activities.

This expansion, just two years after Bostik opened its second Malaysian manufacturing plant in Johor Bahru to serve Southern Malaysia and Singapore markets, is an important step in Bostik's development plans in Malaysia.

This investment highlights Bostik's strategy to expand in high growth regions and develop innovative products to meet market demand. "We are pleased and excited to continue Bostik's global development and, with this capacity expansion, we are strengthening our operations in Malaysia," explained Jeffrey Merkt, Bostik Senior Vice President of Asia. "This allows us to respond more quickly to changes in market demand and to continue to supply high quality products to the construction sector."

The plant was officially inaugurated at a special ceremony last month.

Bostik is a leading global adhesive specialist in industrial manufacturing, construction and consumer 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 €1.6 billion, the company employs 4,800 people and has a presence in more than 50 countries. Bostik is a company of Arkema. **Visit www.bostik.com for more information**

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