

## Media release

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### Nouryon to double surfactants capacity in Sweden to support growing innovation pipeline

Nouryon will double capacity at its surfactants plant in Stenungsund, Sweden to support the growth of several existing products as well as new sustainable technologies for markets including oil and gas, lubricants and fuels, and asphalt. The €12-million expansion and upgrade project includes the installation of a new reactor and is expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2021.

The additional capacity will allow Nouryon to expand production of several innovative technologies for the oil and gas market. These include Armohib CI-5150, a corrosion inhibitor that meets the industry's most stringent environmental requirements, as well as a new range of biodegradable demulsifiers that will give oil and gas producers a more sustainable option to separate crude oil from natural gas and water.

"Our customers are looking for more innovative and environmentally-conscious solutions that offer better biodegradability, lower toxicity, and meet the latest regulations," said AB Ghosh, Managing Director Surface Chemistry at Nouryon. "The design of this new reactor allows for a wide range of chemistries and technologies, including those required for creating more sustainable ingredients."

The expansion also allows Nouryon to increase output of products including Berol R648NG, a unique biodegradable surfactant used as a degreaser by customers in the cleaning market. It will also produce surfactants used in the lubricants and fuels and asphalt markets.

Nouryon CEO Charlie Shaver added: "We started producing surfactants at our Stenungsund site in 1917. Over the past 102 years, the facility has proven to be key to our growth and the investment to double capacity there makes good business sense. We are now well positioned to meet the growing demand from our customers for more sustainable products."

The Stenungsund project is the latest in a series of investments by Nouryon in Sweden to meet growth in customer demand. The company recently completed a €20 million project at Sundsvall that significantly raises production capacity for its [Expancel expandable microspheres](#), and earlier this year completed a €4 million expansion of [surface-modified colloidal silica](#) at Bohus.

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We are a global specialty chemicals leader. Markets worldwide rely on our essential chemistry in the manufacture of everyday products such as paper, plastics, building materials, food, pharmaceuticals, and personal care items. Building on our nearly 400-year history, the dedication of our 10,000 employees, and our shared commitment to business growth, strong financial performance, safety, sustainability, and innovation, we have established a world-class business and built strong partnerships with our customers. We operate in over 80 countries around the world and our portfolio of industry-leading brands includes Eka, Dissolvine, Trigonox, and Berol.

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