

Solvay starts up a new hydrogen peroxide plant in China as demand in high-quality applications rises

Brussels - September 6, 2016 --- Solvay has started hydrogen peroxide production at its new plant in Zhenjiang, China. This plant has a capacity of 60,000 tonnes per year and will meet the growing local customer demand for high quality products in addition to supplying demand from Solvay's own businesses in the semi-conductor and flavor industries.

Solvay's Peroxides Global Business Unit (GBU) built the plant in Solvay's chemical manufacturing platform located within Zhenjiang Green Chemical & New Material Industry Park. The platform already hosts two other Solvay GBUs, allowing all businesses at the site to benefit from shared infrastructure, logistics and services. The plant is the first in China to use Solvay Peroxide's innovative, world leading technology with improved efficiency, while further promoting sustainability in operations by significantly reducing effluents and energy usage.

The plant will serve the increasing local demand primarily for high-concentration and high-quality grades of hydrogen peroxide used in demanding applications within the chemical, electronics, water treatment and aquaculture industries. A significant portion of the plant's capacity will also supply growing demand from Solvay's GBUs Aroma Performance and Special Chem.

"From this new efficient production platform we can support the strong and growing demand in China for premium hydrogen peroxide grades and extend our innovative offerings to our customers, increasingly in high-end sectors which have been emerging in the local markets over the past few years," said Georges Crauser, President of Solvay's Peroxides GBU.

Solvay's network of hydrogen peroxide manufacturing plants now totals 16 worldwide, lifting its overall capacity and further consolidating its global industry leadership.

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