

New Production Plants Go on Stream in China

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MATCH (Methacrylates to China): is the project name under which Evonik Industries is currently installing an integrated methacrylates production facility in Shanghai.

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Seven interlinked plants will work together to produce Methyl methacrylate (MMA), further methacrylic monomers and polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA).



Part of the production facility in Shanghai

The main focus is on the rapidly growing Chinese market, but the plants are also included in the worldwide logistics chain via global sales planning. Shanghai, with its very good infrastructure, is an excellent

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base for such operations. The first plant successfully started up in the third quarter of 2008. In December 2008, the multipurpose unit for producing high-quality methacrylate specialty esters went on stream. These monomers are predominantly used in the plastics and adhesives industries, but also in the coatings industry. With this unit, Evonik Industries is considerably boosting its production capacity for this product group and supplies customers all over the world with high-quality monomers from Shanghai.

Further plants belonging to the integrated network are set to go into operation in the course of 2009, like the MMA facility with an annual capacity of 100 kt.

Resin Components More than 80 years of methacrylate experience and almost 35 years of isophorone chemistry are the foundation of Evonik Industries top position as global supplier for the resin industry. Evonik's raw materials are essential for all innovative and environmental-friendly technologies.

Methacrylate monomers (VISIOMER®) of Evonik support innovative solutions for a range of coatings systems. Evonik is developing solutions based on different technologies. Crosslinking is initiated by light, auto-oxidation or a condensation reaction. VISIOMER® BPMA and VISIOMER® MUMA are the recommended new developments for these technologies.

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