

Taminco expands its capacity for the intermediate surfactants market.

Ghent (Belgium), 14 March 2011 - In line with its strategic integration and globalization strategy Taminco will build a DMAPA unit at its plant in St. Gabriel, LA, USA which will be on stream by end of 2011.

DMAPA or dimethylaminopropylamine is primarily used as a raw material for amine oxides and betaines both of which are surfactants in a wide variety of personal care and household products, such as detergents, shampoos and liquid body wash. DMAPA based surfactants show strong growth globally, because of the combination of their mild character and excellent performance.

“This new DMAPA capacity in the US is a perfect fit with our integrated amines and derivatives business model”, said Sabine Ketsman, Global Business Director for Taminco’s Specialty Derivatives business unit. “We already produce DMAPA at our unit in Ghent, Belgium, but the rapid growth of DMAPA in the US and Latin America has triggered the need to develop local production to serve the demands of both local and global customers.”

Geoff Ingham, President of Taminco Inc US adds: “Along with our recent announcement to build a tertiary amines plant in Pace, FL, this new investment reinforces Taminco’s commitment to the amines industry, the US, and to the surfactant market.”

On a total of 8 production sites worldwide, Taminco has two major ones in the US: in Pace, FL which makes methylamines, alkyl amines and by mid-2012, tertiary amines and in St. Gabriel, LA which produces alkanolamines, alkyl amines, DEHA, and now DMAPA.

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Company Profile



Taminco, The Amine Company is the world’s only global integrated specialist alkylamine producer. Alkylamines and their derivatives are key building blocks in a broad array of chemical products that have a wide range of applications. Taminco makes as such a valuable contribution to diverse markets including Food and Nutrition, Personal and Home Care, Energy and Water Treatment.

Focusing on its 3 core values, Passion, Care and Integrity, Taminco works constructively towards a sustainable and innovative future.

Headquartered in Ghent, Belgium, Taminco owns and operates 8 manufacturing facilities located in Belgium, Germany, the United States, Brazil and China and, together with its global sales network, has approximately 800 employees spread across 16 countries.

Taminco is organized into two divisions – Functional Chemicals and Agro Sciences – which reflect the end-user segments to which the company markets and sells its products. Functional Chemicals produces specialty chemical intermediates that are used in the manufacture of specialty products and active ingredients – properties that are integral to the functions those products serve. Agro Sciences cares about plant and animal health, providing various solutions to serve the Crop Protection, Herbicide Systems and Feed Additives markets, while focusing strongly on development and innovation.

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