

Taminco starts up new DMAPA unit in USA

Ghent, Belgium - 22 November 2011 - Taminco is pleased to announce the on-time start up of its new DMAPA unit in St. Gabriel, Louisiana.

This unit, which was just announced in March, when combined with Taminco's existing production in Ghent, Belgium, will make Taminco one of the world's leading producers of DMAPA. 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.

Sabine Ketsman, Taminco's Global Business Director for Specialty Derivatives, commented: "We are quite pleased that our DMAPA unit is now on stream and we will be able to better service our customers globally. Taminco is committed to supplying its surfactant customers wherever they are and this is an important step for our business."

Besides DMAPA, the St. Gabriel plant manufactures many other amines including alkylamines, a variety of alkanolamines like DMEA, DEEA, MDEA, and DEHA.

Taminco is also building a tertiary amines (DIMLA™; C12-C14 chain length) unit at its existing methylamines plant in Pace, FL. This unit is on schedule for start up in mid-2012. Tertiary amines are also intermediates for surfactants.

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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. This way Taminco makes 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.

With its operational headquarters in Ghent, Belgium, Taminco 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 17 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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