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Arkema Expands Manufacturing of Alkyd Emulsions for Sustainable Formulating

Arkema Coating Resins, a business unit of Arkema Inc., today announced a project to expand manufacturing capability for its SYNAQUA® technology platform at the company's Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA facility. This new manufacturing capacity is scheduled to come on line in the second quarter of 2019.

"Using SYNAQUA® alkyd emulsion technology, formulators can more easily develop solvent-free, low-VOC waterborne coatings without compromising the properties and performance associated with traditional solvent-based products," Mike Iwaniw, Business Manager for Arkema Coating Resins, explained. "This investment reinforces our commitment to innovation and will enable us to better support customer growth."

SYNAQUA® 4804 waterborne alkyd is an APEO- and ammonia-free short oil alkyd used in a wide range of applications where the feel and performance of conventional alkyds is desired in a low-VOC and solvent-free formulation, including excellent gloss, good hardness and other properties.

"This investment to localize production of SYNAQUA® in North America will enhance our ability to meet customer demand for these products, which has grown significantly in the past few years," Eric Kaiser, Regional President, Arkema Coating Resins, said. "By adding new manufacturing capacity for these products at our Grand Rapids facility, which has an outstanding record for efficiency, quality and safety, we can ensure more reliable supply and the continued product quality our customers have come to expect."

The Grand Rapids plant produces a range of resin technologies, including waterborne, conventional and high solids solvent-borne resins for formulators of industrial coatings, architectural coatings, construction products, traffic paints and container coatings. The plant was awarded the 2017 American Chemistry Council Responsible Care® Facility Safety Award – Certificate of Excellence for the prevention of occupational injuries and illnesses.

To learn more about Arkema Coating Resins, visit www.arkemacoatingresins.com.

A designer of materials and innovative solutions, Arkema shapes materials and creates new uses that accelerate customer performance. Our balanced business portfolio spans High Performance Materials, Industrial Specialties and Coating Solutions. Our globally recognized brands are ranked among the leaders in the markets we serve. Reporting annual sales of €8.3 billion (\$9.4 billion) in 2017, we employ around 20,000 people worldwide and operate in some 55 countries. We are committed to active engagement with all our stakeholders. Our research centers in North America, France and Asia concentrate on advances in bio-based products, new energies, water management, electronic solutions, lightweight materials and design, home efficiency and insulation. www.arkema.com

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