

Araçariguama Plant Overview

Products & Markets



The Araçariguama plant produces a wide range of low-VOC (volatile organic compound) resin technologies including waterborne emulsions & binders, high solids and high performance coating additives for formulators of architectural coatings, industrial finishes, construction products, traffic paints, sealants and adhesive products.

Our History

The Araçariguama plant began operations in October 2012 as Albercryn and in December 2012 as Coatex Latam. The facility opened with 31 employees.

The facility lies 54 Km from São Paulo City and it is located in an industrial area adjacent to the north side of the village of Araçariguama, next to the Castelo Branco highway.

Our Commitment to Safety and the Environment

Safety remains our utmost priority. The facility is also committed to complying with all regulations and standards related to environmental protection and pollution prevention. In order to ensure this facility operates according to the same high standards as other Coatex sites, a thermal oxidizer is scheduled for installation in 2017. This thermal oxidizer will destroy 99.999% of harmful emissions. The facility is also being upgraded to be highly automated for safety. All finished products we produce are non-hazardous.

Community Involvement and Local Associations / Events We Sponsor

- **Human Resources Group** – We participate in a Human Resources group from the Araçariçuama region, where we share best practices and carry out common events, training, etc.
- **Professional Formation Program “Young Beginner”** – In an effort to develop professional potential in our region, Coatex is working with an intern from the local community.
- With Arkema, Coatex Latam is participating in the **Brazilian Chemical Industry Association - ABIQUIM** represents the Brazilian manufacturers of chemical products and deals with a wide variety of issues, including the coordination of Atuação Responsável (Brazilian version of Responsible Care program); quality, environment and safety related issues; human resources development; statistics; economic studies; product advocacy; free trade agreements; tariff negotiations; and others. ABIQUIM operates a 24-hour toll free telephone service for safety in the transportation of chemical products (Pró-Química) and coordinates special programs related to some areas of the chemical industry, such as Plastivida, which deals with the use and recycling of plastics.

Key Figures

Number of Employees	51
Local Economic Impact (Payroll/Utility/Property Taxes Paid Annually)	\$5.0 Million USD estimated for 2015
Investment in Health, Environment and Safety	New safety upgrades for 2016 and 2017 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of thermal oxidizer unit • High automation safety upgrades
Safety Record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 years with no lost time or OSHA recordable injuries
Awards/Certifications for Safety, Environmental, and Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coatex Araçariçuama is working to be certified ISO 9001 by the beginning of 2016 and ISO14001 and OHSAS 18001, by the end of 2017.

About Coatex

Coatex is a designer and a world producer of rheological additives. These high performance and environment-friendly additives are used in a wide variety of applications, such as Painting, Paper, Mineral Processing, Detergency, Concrete, Plaster, Ceramic and Water Treatment.

For more information, please visit www.coatex.com.

Coatex is a subsidiary of Arkema, a French chemical company present in close to 50 countries.

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