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Enclosed documents

- Press release : Arkema strengthens its position in Asia by doubling the production capacity of its Shanghai Hydrogen Peroxide plant .

Colombes, October 21st 2008

Arkema strengthens its position in Asia by doubling the production capacity of its Shanghai Hydrogen Peroxide plant

As the world's third leading hydrogen peroxide producer, Arkema has successfully expanded the capacity at its Wujing (Shanghai, China) plant, which increases the capacity to 80,000 ton/year.

"This capacity increase will position us to meet the growing needs of the Asian markets which are driven by industrial and everyday consumer goods. This expansion marks a further step in the development of our activity in China through the Arkema Shanghai Hydrogen Peroxide (66.6% Arkema and 33.3% Shanghai Coking) which has been a twelve year joint venture" reports Xavier Durand-Delacre, Managing Director of Arkema's Global Hydrogen Peroxide Business Unit.

The Shanghai hydrogen peroxide plant capacity extension was officially opened on Tuesday October 21st 2008 in the presence of the Chinese authorities and Thierry Le Hénaff, Arkema Chairman and CEO.

Arkema, is a leading hydrogen peroxide player in China

Arkema has become an essential partner in supporting the Asian manufacturers in markets such as pulp and paper bleaching, textile, environmental, chemical synthesis, cleaning, agro-food and electronics, which is supported by an extensive range of products and services.