

Arkema expands Thiochemicals global manufacturing capacity for linear mercaptans

Arkema announced a project to increase its linear mercaptans production capacities to support the demand growth of polymers for transportation and electronics markets. This incremental investment would increase the Houston (Texas) plant's manufacturing capacity by up to 30 percent.

"Arkema is the world's leading producer of mercaptans and other sulfur derivatives, and this investment would further strengthen that position," said Frederic Vartician, Global Group President of Arkema Thiochemicals. "The expansion would position us to better serve our customers' needs and support their growth."

The total new capacity should come online in the first half of 2020.

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