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## Arkema Inc. becomes a sponsor for Women in HVACR association and supports ASHRAE scholarship fund for women in engineering

Arkema Inc. is proud to be a part of the Women in HVACR non-profit industry association and its mission to encourage diversity in the HVACR field, including its scholarship fund for women in engineering,

Women in HVACR is a non-profit association dedicated to the growth of Women in the HVAC industry. Their initiative is to enhance the industry workforce through education, mentoring, and networking opportunities that will support and empower women currently in the HVACR industry. Women in HVACR offers female employees opportunities to advance personally and professionally as well build eminence for organizations in the HVACR industry.



"Being part of this program is important to us as a member of the HVACR industry with a strong commitment to support gender diversity in the workplace, both as a matter of principle and as part of our corporate social responsibility program. Becoming a sponsor of the Women in HVACR organization is great step in providing the network of support for women already in or entering the industry." said Tony O'Donovan, regional group president of the Fluorochemicals business unit in Arkema Inc.

In addition, the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), through its Philadelphia chapter, has established a scholarship in honor of Arkema Inc.'s Debbie Kennoy, a senior chemist and regulatory expert, who passed away in September 2018.

"Debbie represented Arkema Inc. at ASHRAE for more than 20 years and was highly respected for her knowledge and willingness to help other members," said O'Donovan. "The scholarship will be earmarked to support women in engineering from the Philadelphia area, a great tribute to Debbie."

More information can be found at: <a href="https://www.womeninhvacr.org/">https://www.womeninhvacr.org/</a>

Founded in 1894, ASHRAE is a global society that works to advance human well-being through sustainable technology. They focus on building systems, energy efficiency, indoor air quality, refrigeration and sustainability within the industry.

This operation is part of Arkema's Common Ground® initiative, which consists of establishing long-term relationships of trust with local communities, particularly through dialogue with the residents of its industrial sites, in order to meet their expectations and make them to better know the world of chemistry.

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