

Taminco announces major US investment to globalize its position in Tertiary Amines

Ghent (Belgium), 25 November 2010 – Taminco is investing in a new state-of-the-art production unit for Tertiary Amines (DIMLA™ – various chainlengths) in North America.

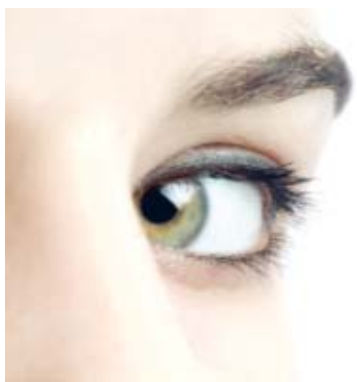
The new unit, which is scheduled to come on stream in the course of 2012, will be constructed in Pace, Florida, where Taminco produces Methylamines, a key feedstock for the Tertiary Amines. Taminco, which is already producing Tertiary Amines in Europe (Ghent, Belgium), will apply its own proprietary technology starting from Dimethylamine and Fatty Alcohol, derived from natural oils. This “natural” production process is considered a key route to support prevailing market trends for renewable and green surfactants.

Tertiary Amines are key building blocks in growing market segments, such as detergents, disinfectants, personal care and many other applications. Taminco has made this investment decision after reaching an agreement for certain volumes with Procter & Gamble – a leading player in the surfactant industry and a large downstream user for Tertiary Amines.

“After making two other major investment announcements for amine derivatives recently, both in the US and China, this Tertiary Amine investment is considered a next important step in Taminco’s integration and globalization strategy”, said Executive Vice President for Taminco’s Functional Chemicals division Geoff Ingham.

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Taminco, The Amine Company, is the world’s only global integrated specialist alkylamine producer. Taminco produces alkylamines and their derivatives which are key elements in a broad array of chemical products that have a wide range of applications in, amongst others, crop protection, water treatment, surfactants, animal feed additives and pharma applications. From its headquarters in Ghent, Belgium, Taminco operates 7 manufacturing facilities located in Belgium, Germany, the United States, Brazil and China and 18 sales offices globally, with approximately 800 employees in 16 countries.

Taminco is organized into two divisions – Functional Chemicals and Agro Sciences – which reflect the end-user segments to which the company markets and sells its products. Functional Chemicals produces specialty chemical intermediates that are used in the manufacture of specialty products and active ingredients – properties that are integral to the functions those products serve. Agro Sciences cares about plant and animal health, providing various solutions to serve the Crop Protection, Herbicide Systems and Feed Additives markets, while focusing strongly on development and innovation.

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