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Chinese company Anhui Hwasu Co., Ltd acquires license to use Arkema PVC production process

The company Anhui Hwasu Co, Ltd, a subsidiary of the Chinese group Huaibei Mining, has opted for Arkema's production process for its new 1,000,000 ton PVC production plant in Luquiao, Anhui Province. This project entails two consecutive phases, with the first to be launched in 2011, and will represent the world's largest PVC production plant. As part of the cooperation agreement reached in November 2008 with Arkema, Aker Solutions will prepare the basic engineering for the plant.

"The licensing agreement concluded with Anhui Hwasu Co, Ltd for this project underlines the unique qualities of Arkema's PVC suspension process which make it one of the most efficient PVC technologies available. We are convinced that our cooperation with a respected engineering partner like Aker Solutions has been a decisive element in the process of obtaining this agreement.", states Otto Takken, Vice President of Arkema's Vinyl Products business segment.

"This latest project award is a further demonstration of the successful Aker Solutions - Arkema relationship. With our strong engineering know-how and our immense project track record in China, we are well-placed to provide first-class engineering expertise to this project", said Johan Cossen, Regional SVP - Europe, Middle East and Africa for Aker Solutions' Process and Construction business.

This PVC production plant is part of a global project which includes upstream chlorine soda electrolysis and a vinyl chloride monomer production plant as well as a power plant.

The licensing agreement covers the operation of the Arkema technology, basic engineering, and technical assistance for the plant's startup.

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