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Arkema and CJ Cheil-Jedang select Malaysia for their Bio-Methionine and Thiochemicals plants

After a long and thorough study on the best place to build their plants, CJ Cheil-Jedang and Arkema have selected the site of Kerteh, in the state of Terengganu in Malaysia.

Thanks to the best efforts of the Government of Malaysia, the Malaysian Biotechnology Corporation and the East Coast Economic Region Development Council, attractive conditions for the bio-methionine and thiochemicals plants have been obtained.

The Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Najib Abdul Razak, welcomed this choice at a press conference today in Kuala Lumpur.

Kerteh located on the East Coast of Malaysia is an ideal place to build a thiochemical platform and bio-methionine plant where all the necessary infrastructure, utilities and raw materials can be easily obtained. The onsite bulk port and the nearby Kuantan and Kemaman container ports will facilitate the logistic of the products.

Arkema and CJ Cheil-Jedang confirm their intention to start operating the plants at the end of 2013.

***CJ CheilJedang**, a Korean based food, feed, and bioscience company, is leading the way as No.1 global company in the world in the area of industrial biotechnology with innovations in fermentation, and purification technologies. CJ is a leading producer of fermentation-based products such as feed amino acids, MSG, and Nucleotides with global manufacturing and business operations in 6 continents. As a socially responsible company, CJ strives toward practicing carbon-neutral manufacturing operations by utilizing renewable raw materials and developing value-added co-products to minimize waste into the environment.*

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