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## **ARKEMA BOOSTS ITS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED PVDF CAPACITY EXPANSION IN CHANGSHU, FROM 35 TO 50%**

**Due to strong demand for lithium-ion batteries and other important markets, Arkema’s previously announced 35% fluoropolymer capacity increase at its Changshu site in China is now revised upwards to a capacity increase of 50%, with no change in the expected start-up date (end-2022).**

With this PVDF capacity increase, Arkema accelerates its development in China in order to meet the strong demand from its partner customers in the lithium-ion battery business and support the significant growth in the water filtration, specialty coatings, and semiconductor sectors.

Arkema, a global leader in PVDF production, also recently announced a 50% PVDF capacity increase at its Pierre-Bénite site in France, which is scheduled to come on stream in the first quarter of 2023.

*“We are committed to supporting the growth of our customers,”* said Erwoan Pezron, Senior Vice-President of Arkema’s High Performance Polymers. *“We continue to innovate and grow together, driven by strong end-user demand for sustainable solutions.”*

Building on its unique set of expertise in materials science, **Arkema** offers a portfolio of first-class technologies to address ever-growing demand for new and sustainable materials. With the ambition to become in 2024 a pure player in Specialty Materials, the Group is structured into 3 complementary, resilient and highly innovative segments dedicated to Specialty Materials -Adhesive solutions, Advanced Materials, and Coating Solutions- accounting for some 82% of Group sales in 2020, and a well-positioned and competitive Intermediates segment. Arkema offers cutting-edge technological solutions to meet the challenges of, among other things, new energies, access to water, recycling, urbanization and mobility, and fosters a permanent dialogue with all its stakeholders. The Group reported sales of around €8 billion in 2020, and operates in some 55 countries with 20,600 employees worldwide.

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