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ARKEMA AXIS SITE NAMED 2023 MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR BY THE MOBILE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TEAM

The Mobile Chamber recognized the plant at its 9th Annual State of the Economy event at the Saenger Theatre in downtown Mobile, Ala.

Arkema's Axis (Mobile), Alabama, site was selected by the Mobile Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Team as the 2023 Manufacturer of the year. This award recognizes Arkema's commitment and excellence in Mobile County's manufacturing industry, as seen through four decades of responsible operation at the plant and harmony with the local community.

"We've been in operation here for over 42 years now," said Rene Neron, the Axis Plant Manager. "Arkema's Axis site typically attracts local talent that stay with the company, so I think we're a good employer for those folks. Personnel are able to progress within operations or into management positions, including other positions across Arkema globally."

For almost a decade, the Mobile Chamber's Manufacturer of the Year award has been a hallmark of excellence in the business community of Mobile County. The award celebrates a manufacturing business's dedication, contributions, and outstanding achievements in promoting economic growth for Mobile. Winners are chosen based on their exceptional performance in several key areas, including operating excellence, continuous improvement, profitable growth, and investment in training and retaining talent.

"Mobile has been very supportive of the manufacturing environment as a whole, if you look across Highway 43 at how many individual manufacturers we have here," stated Rene. "These are good paying jobs, these are safe jobs, the opportunity is there. That's hard to find these days, but it still exists at Arkema and within many of the chemical manufacturing facilities across Mobile."

The Arkema Axis Plant, which celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2021, manufactures products based on three primary chemistries: acrylic polymers, PEKK, and tin-based organometallics. It is equipped with state-of-the-art environmental monitoring and controls, including a wastewater treatment plant that can treat more than one million gallons of water each day. Additionally, the plant is a Responsible Care® Participant, an industry-wide initiative among members of the American Chemistry Council to demonstrate a continuing commitment to health, safety, and the environment.

Organized in 1836, the Mobile Chamber is one of the nation's oldest, with a mission that seeks to promote the area through business and commercial commerce. The Chamber serves as a progressive advocate for business needs to promote the Mobile area's economic well-being and works to build more opportunity and an enhanced quality of life for its citizens.

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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 91% of Group sales in 2022, 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 €11.5 billion (\$12.1 billion USD) in 2022, and operates in some 55 countries with 21,100 employees worldwide.

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