

Budenheim increases production capacity in China to serve growing global demand of halogen-free flame retardants



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SHANGHAI – German based leading specialty chemical company Budenheim is expanding the production capacity of long-chain ammonium polyphosphate in China with a multimillion Euro investment.

As premium supplier for intumescent fire protection coatings, Budenheim supplies the key component ammonium polyphosphate and formulations under the brand names FR CROS[®] and BUDIT[®], which bring value to the growing trend of halogen-free flame retardants with a diverse specialty portfolio for protective coatings as well as for polymer processing.

Budenheim Fine Chemicals (Shanghai) will host the majority of the worldwide production of ammonium polyphosphate of Budenheim, including the newest product FR CROS[®] 584, with an outstanding shelf-life in water-based coatings, and will set the foundation for the production of FR CROS[®] coated grades which are used in outdoor coatings for challenging weather conditions. The strong growth in Asia leads a clear capacity shift to Budenheim's production site in China.

"In line with our strategy based on increased customer proximity and improved speed to market, this investment is a clear commitment to the Asia-Pacific region and specifically to the growing Chinese market" stresses Jorge Flores, responsible for the Business Unit Material Ingredients.

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In 2009, Budenheim Fine Chemicals (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. successfully implemented its first production line. The specialties produced in the new expansion will comply with rigorous environmental, toxicological and quality requirements met by all sites within Budenheim.

Halogen-free flame retardants from Budenheim serve intumescent coatings and plastics to protect buildings, airplanes, trains and cars from fire while complying with strictest international standards. The non-toxic and non-corrosive solutions can prevent fire from starting, flames from spreading and the release of large amounts of toxic smoke. This technology is designed to protect property and gain valuable time for emergency personnel to rescue others.

Increasing safety standards and awareness of eco-friendly solutions drive the growth of fire protection. Budenheim is committed to contributing to a safe and sustainable future.

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About Budenheim:

Budenheim is a global specialty chemicals company with production sites in Budenheim/ Germany, Shanghai/China, Monterrey/Mexico, Columbus/USA, La Zaida and Valencia/ Spain. Building on an innovative portfolio of products and services, Budenheim offers sustainable solutions for a broad range of applications. These include food, pharma and personal care, water treatment, cleaners, paints and coatings, high temperature lubricants, metal surface treatment, building materials, ceramics, glass and glass ceramics, refractories, plastics, packaging, batteries, and many other special applications. Budenheim generates annual revenue of several hundred million Euros and has a workforce of around 1.000 employees.

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