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**Evonik reduces production capacity for superabsorbents**

Essen. Evonik recently reduced production capacity for superabsorbents by 40,000 metric tons to 530,000 meric tons per year. The production lines concerned are those at the Garyville and Greensboro (North Carolina, USA) sites, two of Evonik’s five superabsorbents production sites worldwide.

“With this measure we’re adapting to demand trends. We plan to take the opportunity to bring capacity to the technological state of the art and to start up the lines again in 1 – 2 years,” says Norbert Westerholt, head of the Baby Care Business Line at Evonik.

Evonik is pursuing the goal of remaining a reliable, competitive, and innovative partner of superabsorbents customers over the long term.

As one of the leading suppliers of superabsorbents, Evonik is established as a reliable, innovative and long-term partner in the superabsorbents industry.

**Company information**

Evonik, the creative industrial group from Germany, is one of the world leaders in specialty chemicals, operating in the Nutrition & Care, Resource Efficiency and Performance Materials segments. The company benefits from its innovative prowess and integrated technology platforms. In 2015 more than 33,500 employees generated sales of around €13.5 billion and an operating profit (adjusted EBITDA) of about €2.47 billion.

**About Nutrition & Care**

The Nutrition & Care segment is led by Evonik Nutrition & Care GmbH and contributes to fulfilling basic human needs. That includes applications for everyday consumer goods as well as animal nutrition and health care. This segment employed about 7,000 employees, and generated sales of around   
€4.9 billion in 2015.

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