

## Evonik increases its precipitated silica capacity in Turkey

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- Investment strengthens Smart Materials growth engine and further expands leading market position
- As strong partner of tire manufacturers, Evonik serves the high demand for silica
- An additional capacity of 40,000 metric tons available from 2020

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Essen (Germany)/Adapazari (Turkey). Evonik Industries is continuing to expand its silica production capacity in response to high demand within the tire industry. Precipitated silica are an essential ingredient in tires with reduced rolling resistance and, as part of Smart Materials, belong to one of the four strategic growth engines of Evonik with an above-average market growth and margin potential.

The company will increase its annual production capacity for precipitated silica at the existing site in Adapazari (Turkey) by 40,000 metric tons, investing a sum in the lower double-digit million euro range. Evonik and the EGE KIMYA company operate a joint venture in Turkey. Startup of the new production complex is scheduled for 2020. In addition to producing ULTRASIL® rubber silica, it will also serve the growing needs for precipitated silica.

“As a powerful partner for the tire industry and one of the world’s leading producers of silica products such as ULTRASIL®, with this capacity expansion, we are reacting to the massive demand in the industry, strengthening our business partnership with the tire manufacturers,” says Dr. Johannes Ohmer, a member of the Evonik Resource Efficiency GmbH Board of Management.

“This is a consistent response to the challenge of reliably providing innovative products and custom solutions to our regional customers,” points out Andreas Fischer, head of the Silica Business Line. Evonik is implementing this expansion in Adapazari to support the high level of demand for the highly dispersible (HD) silica used in producing Green Tires, particularly from customers in southeastern Europe and the Middle East. Thanks to a

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significantly reduced rolling resistance, Green Tires save a considerable amount of fuel compared to traditional vehicle tires.



**Caption:**

The Green Tires that are made with the help of Silica/Silane technology from Evonik save fuel, thanks to their low rolling resistance.

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**About Resource Efficiency**

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