

Evonik Industries responds to strong demand for polyamide 12 by expanding laurolactam in Marl

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Essen, Germany-based Evonik Industries plans to expand laurolactam production capacities significantly at its Marl site. The extra capacities are expected to be available by the fourth quarter of 2010. Laurolactam is the starting material for the polymer polyamide 12.

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“We’re recording persistently high demand for our polyamide business,” explains Dr. Joachim Leluschko, the head of Evonik’s High Performance Polymers Business Line. “That’s why we’ll be further substantially expanding capacities for laurolactam production in Marl.” The move sees Evonik consolidating its globally leading position on the market for polyamide 12 and acting as a reliable partner to secure supplies to its customers into the future.

The High Performance Polymers Business Line markets polyamide 12 as VESTAMID®, an engineering material, and VESTOSINT® powder. It supplies these products to all key markets. At the core, what this business line does is manufacture products specially geared to demand and customer needs. A global sales network, service centers in Europe, America, and Asia, not to mention comprehensive technical service, all serve to ensure the global availability of its high-performance polymers, semi-finished products, and professional technical support.

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