

New Production Plants Go on Stream in China

MATCH (Methacrylates to China): is the project name under which Evonik Industries is currently installing an integrated methacrylates production facility in Shanghai.

Seven interlinked plants will work together to produce methyl methacrylate (MMA), further methacrylic monomers (trademarked VISIOMER®) and polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA).

The main focus is on the rapidly growing Chinese market, but the plants are also included in the worldwide logistics chain via global sales planning. Shanghai, with its very good infrastructure, is an excellent base for such operations.

The first plant successfully started up in the third quarter of 2008.

In December 2008, the multipurpose unit for producing high-quality methacrylate specialty esters (trademarked VISIOMER®) went on stream. These monomers are predominantly used in the plastics and adhesives industries, but also in the coatings industry. With this unit, Evonik Industries is considerably boosting its production capacity for this product group and supplies customers all over the world with high-quality monomers from Shanghai.

Further plants belonging to the integrated network are set to go into operation in the course of 2009, like the MMA facility with an annual capacity of 100 kt.



Part of the production facility in Shanghai