

## Media release

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### **AkzoNobel completes \$10 million sulfur derivatives investment in the US**

AkzoNobel's Specialty Chemicals business has completed a \$10 million investment at its LeMoyné sulfur derivatives plant in the US, which supplies essential ingredients used in several major industries.

Located in Alabama, the investment includes a 20,000 dry metric ton expansion for the production of sodium hydrosulfide (NaSH), which the company supplies to customers in the paper, leather tanning, mining and specialty polymers segments.

"This is a key expansion which will help to support growing customer demand," explains Sulfur Derivatives General Manager, Ignacio Garin. "The LeMoyné facility employs unique AkzoNobel technology which provides NaSH at lower impurity levels and higher concentrations than competing processes, providing a significant sustainability benefit for customers."

AkzoNobel is the only company to produce a high strength, high purity NaSH at 60% concentration, which means the product qualifies as an eco-premium solution, offering advantages in terms of energy efficiency, emissions and waste water.

Commenting on the expansion, Werner Fuhrmann, AkzoNobel's Executive Committee member responsible for Specialty Chemicals, adds: "This project is just the latest in a series of capital investments we have made to support the growth of our customers across a range of end-use markets. It also underlines our ongoing commitment to sustainability."

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