

Arkema opens a Center of Excellence in Wether dedicated to Photocuring Technology and its Photoinitiators

Following the acquisition of Lambson—a global player specializing in the development and supply of photoinitiators—Arkema opens a Center of Excellence in Wetherby (UK) and provides its customers and partners with expertise and comprehensive, high-performance solutions for UV technology. Integrated into the photocurable specialties business of Sartomer—a pioneer in this market — this center is a key component of the growth and development strategy for photocuring, a solvent-free sustainable technology of the future.

To serve its customers, Arkema is opening a Center of Excellence in Wetherby, UK. Equipped with first-rate equipment and led by an experienced team with unique expertise in photoinitiator synthesis and formulation, this center will provide an exceptional collaborative space for developing and fine-tuning solutions that are tailored to the challenges of our customers and partners, particularly in the electronics, 3D printing, inks, adhesives, and high-performance coatings markets.

"The center supports both experienced formulators and those new to energy curing technology who are seeking state-of-the-art UV resin and photoinitiator systems expertise," said Laurent Peyronneau, CEO of Sartomer and VP of Arkema's Coating Solutions. "It also brings together technologies and know-how to address energy curing challenges and develop innovative solutions to unlock new opportunities."

This cutting-edge laboratory will complement the existing network of research and application centers dedicated to Arkema's Coating Solutions so that to Arkema's performance additives. These additives enhance the Group's expertise in many areas and play an essential role in the design and development of innovative products, and new applications in the fields of Coatings, Adhesives, and Advanced Materials.

Building on its unique set of expertise in materials science, Arkema offers a portfolio of first-class technologies to address ever-growing demand for new and sustainable materials. With the ambition to become in 2024 a pure player in Specialty Materials, the Group is structured into 3 complementary, resilient and highly innovative segments dedicated to Specialty Materials -Adhesive solutions, Advanced Materials, and Coating Solutions- accounting for some 82% of Group sales, and a well-positioned and competitive Intermediates segment. Arkema offers cutting-edge technological solutions to meet the challenges of, among other things, new energies, access to water, recycling, urbanization and mobility, and fosters a permanent dialogue with all its stakeholders. The Group reported sales of around €8 billion in 2020, and operates in some 55 countries with 20,600 employees worldwide. www.arkema.com

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