

Sumitomo Chemical venture builds African R&D lab

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Vector Health International has established an R&D laboratory, named the Africa Technical Research Centre (ATRC), in Tanzania. Vector is a JV between Sumitomo Chemical and Arusha, Tanzania-based A-Z Textile Mills Group. The new centre, which is the first research centre for Sumitomo in Africa, will primarily be engaged in developing and analysing vector control and performing efficacy trials. The R&D efforts will be conducted together with the manufacture of the insecticidal mosquito net Olyset Net for malaria prevention. Meanwhile, Sumitomo Chemical Italia has reached a non-exclusive distribution deal with Nufarm. Effective 1 Aug 2012, Nufarm Italia's crop protection products specifically for crop use in Italy, excluding seed treatment, will be available to Sumitomo Chemical Italia.

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