

French Arkema starts up Acrylic acid expansion at Texas site

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Arkema has begun to start up an acrylic acid expansion project at its site in Clear Lake near Houston, bringing nameplate capacity there to 270,000 tonnes /year, the France-based chemicals firm said on Wednesday.

Arkema said it would be ramping up the additional capacity in the next few months. It did not disclose how much capacity was added at Clear Lake.

The project is part of a \$110m (€84m) investment plan Arkema had announced in 2010. Last year, Arkema started up a 2-ethyl hexyl acrylate (2-EHA) unit at its Bayport, Texas, facility.

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