

Methyl methacrylate: Evonik increases capacity in the US

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German group Evonik has announced plans to increase methyl methacrylate transesterification capacity at its site in Mobile, AL.

Full details have not been disclosed but the group is to invest several \$ M in a significant extension to existing capacities. 6 new jobs could be created by end 2014.

The speciality methacrylate monomers produced in Mobile are used in various applications including paints, coatings, superabsorbents and viscosity modifiers.

The increase to capacity comes in response to strong market demand. Evonik employs 750 people in Mobile (where it also makes hydrogen peroxide, fumed silicas and additives for animal nutrition).

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