

Japan's Nippon Shokubai starts construction of new SAP, AA plants

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Nippon Shokubai has started construction of its new superabsorbent polymer (SAP) and acrylic acid (AA) plants in Antwerp, Belgium, the Japan-based producer said on Wednesday.

Nippon Shokubai earlier said that the SAP capacity at the site would be raised to 100,000 tonnes/year, from 60,000 tonnes/year, and the new AA plant would have a capacity of 100,000 tonnes/year.

Nippon Shokubai group's global SAP production capacity will be raised to 710,000 tonnes/year once the new plant in Antwerp goes on stream, the company said in a statement.

The projects are expected to be operational in the second quarter of 2018, it previously said.

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