



# Press release

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## **AkzoNobel to double production capacity for LED precursor Trimethyl Gallium**

AkzoNobel will significantly expand the capacity of its worldscale Trimethyl Gallium plant in LaPorte, Texas, USA during summer of 2010, enhancing its position as the globally leading manufacturer of this electronic grade material.

The High Purity Metalorganics (HPMO) business, part of Business Unit Functional Chemicals, is a leading producer of semiconductor grade Indium-, Gallium-, Aluminum and Zinc-based metalorganics which are used as key precursor materials in the production of light emitting diodes (LEDs) and solar cells.

The market for LEDs shows unprecedented growth owing to new applications in backlight units for computer screens and the new generation of LED-TVs. In addition, LED technology continues to make steady progress penetrating into general lighting and many other applications.

"This capacity expansion shows AkzoNobel's commitment to the attractive and high growth LED and solar industry", says Bob Margevich, Managing Director of Functional Chemicals. "This business also supports our efforts in sustainability, by focusing on applications that drive energy efficiency and lower energy usage, like LEDs and solar cells".

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