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AkzoNobel divests iron coagulant business in the Nordics to Kemira

Effective November 2, AkzoNobel Industrial Chemicals will transfer its iron coagulant sales and supply activities in the Nordic countries (Sweden, Norway and Denmark) to Kemira. Iron coagulants are used in water treatment, primarily in the municipal segment.

The transaction follows AkzoNobel's decision to cease the ferric chloride production on its Swedish Skoghall site and therefore ensures an uninterrupted supply to the customers. Customers of water treatment chemicals in West and Central Europe will continue to be supplied from the German Ibbenbüren location of AkzoNobel Industrial Chemicals. The production of pharma grade ferric chloride will be shifted from Skoghall to Ibbenbüren

The closure of the Skoghall production facilities also affects the production of monochloroacetic acid (MCA), caustic lye, hydrochloric acid and hypochlorite. As of the second quarter of 2010 the European production and supply of MCA will be consolidated at the Delfzijl facility in the Netherlands. As a major European supplier AkzoNobel will continue to supply the Nordic countries with caustic, HCl and hypo from among other things the other six AkzoNobel chlor-alkali sites.

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