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## **AkzoNobel successfully starts-up expansion of MCA plant in Taixing**

**Amersfoort, the Netherlands – AkzoNobel has successfully completed the expansion of its MCA unit in Taixing, PR of China. The capacity of the plant has been increased to 60,000 MT/year, making it the largest plant of its kind within the People's Republic of China.**

“In order to best serve our customers, it is essential for AkzoNobel to maintain an efficient global supply network and best in class cost positions around the world. Our proprietary technology and the integrated set-up in Taixing are a strong basis for our Chinese operations” said Lars Andersson, general manager of AkzoNobel's MCA business. “The additional capacity will allow us to continue to grow with our existing customers and further strengthen our market positions in China and beyond. Our technology is particularly beneficial to serve increasing Chinese demand for high purity MCA in applications like Agrochemicals, Carboxymethylcellulose (CMC) and Surfactants”.

### **Taixing MCA plant**

In June 2002 AkzoNobel inaugurated its 25,000 MT/year MCA Taixing plant. The plant incorporates state-of-the art proprietary technology drawn from existing AkzoNobel plants in Sweden and the Netherlands. This technology represents high HSE standards with the lowest environmental footprint available in the market. The Taixing plant has the most advanced equipment and control systems, meeting all environmental and safety standards and requirements.

The continuous MCA process gives a wide range of consistent and high quality MCA, with levels of the main byproduct DCA from below 100 ppm up to standard market requirements.

AkzoNobel's MCA plant is located in the Taixing Economic Development Area (TEDA) on the northern bank of the Yangtze River, about 250 kilometers North-West of Shanghai. The Taixing MCA plant holds the ISO certifications 9001 and 14001 and the OHSAS 18001 certification. The plant has been awarded by the Taixing government as Environment Protection Advanced plant every year since 2002, and as Safety Production Advanced plant every year since 2004.

The Taixing plant is part of AkzoNobel's worldwide network of state-of-the-art world scale MCA plants serving customers all over the globe. In addition to the Taixing plant AkzoNobel operates plants in the Netherlands, Sweden and the US. The worldwide network also includes Denak, a 50/50 joint venture between AkzoNobel and Denki Kagaku Kogyo K.K in Japan.

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