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## **AkzoNobel's mTA receives Cefic Commendation**

**AkzoNobel Industrial Chemicals has received a Commendation in this year's European Responsible Care Award Scheme for its mTA being the new generation anti caking agent for salt. The Jury described Industrial Chemicals' mTA entry as "a solid project combining improvements in efficiency and environmental impact, a win-win".**

With the European Responsible Care Awards Cefic (European Chemical Industry Council) recognizes outstanding approaches to progress Responsible Care and Sustainable Development. Earlier this year already an honorable mention was received from the Netherlands Chemical Industry Association (VNCI) in their annual competition which recognizes chemical companies that are responsible for an impressive performance or innovation in the fields of safety, health, the environment and sustainability.

mTA is a complex of iron and meso-Tartrate and the 'green alternative' to the standard anti-caking agent in salt. Such an agent is important for salt storage and prevents lumping or caking. Recommended for membrane technology in the chlorine industry, the application of mTA lowers the power consumption up to five percent and improves the operational conditions a.o. by increasing the lifetime of membranes and electrodes.

AkzoNobel mTA is an entirely biodegradable specialty chemical. It quickly decomposes in soil or water – it's a 'green' product. And because it helps to save energy, it increases the eco-efficiency of the whole chlorine value chain. Being biodegradable, mTA is not only suitable as anti-caking agent in industry salt but possibly also in various other salt applications, like de-icing salt.

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