



# Press release

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## **AkzoNobel Houston Site Reports Non-hazardous Product Spill**

**Houston, Texas, January 18, 2012** - AkzoNobel Surface Chemistry has alerted the local community and authorities that up to 1,000 lbs of Berol LCD was spilled from a tank truck leaving the Company's Houston manufacturing site this morning. Berol LCD is classified as non-hazardous and is primarily used as a degreaser in formulations for kitchen cleaners.

The truck's driver noticed the leak approximately 1 mile outside the plant. He immediately turned around and returned to the plant. No injuries were reported and the cause for the incident is under investigation. Cleanup crews are assessing whether there is any possibility of environmental impact.

The Houston Fire Department and Houston Hazmat Teams are assisting AkzoNobel's Emergency Response Team. A portion of Almeda Road has been closed as crews work to clean up the material.

AkzoNobel's Houston site produces specialty surfactants, which are essential ingredients in formulations used in a broad range of industries such as water treatment, oilfield, agrochemicals, and home and personal care.

### **Note to editors**

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#### **AkzoNobel Surface Chemistry**

Surface Chemistry, a business unit of AkzoNobel, operates in 50 countries, employing over 1500 people. Based in Chicago, IL, United States, with regional marketing centers and R&D facilities in United States, Brazil, Singapore, China and Sweden, we are leading supplier of specialty surfactants and synthetic and bio-polymers additives. We service a wide range of industries including agro, asphalt, cleaning, fabric care, mining, personal care and petroleum. For more information, visit [www.akzonobel.com/sc](http://www.akzonobel.com/sc).

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