



Press release

AkzoNobel
Tomorrow's Answers Today

No injuries or major damages reported after incident at Morris site

Chicago, IL, USA - October 17th, 2011- AkzoNobel Surface Chemistry reported today that around 9 am a water pump at the company's manufacturing site in Morris, IL, apparently overheated. A maintenance operator saw smoke coming from the pump station building, which provides water to the site. The facility's alarm was activated and all personnel were safely relocated. The Morris fire department was called in accordance with the facility's safety procedures. No injuries occurred and there were no spills or other environmental effects. Property damage to the facility was minimal.

Note to editors

AkzoNobel

AkzoNobel is the largest global paints and coatings company and a major producer of specialty chemicals. We supply industries and consumers worldwide with innovative products and are passionate about developing sustainable answers for our customers. Our portfolio includes well known brands such as Dulux, Sikkens, International and Eka. Headquartered in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, we are a Global Fortune 500 company and are consistently ranked as one of the leaders in the area of sustainability. With operations in more than 80 countries, our 55,000 people around the world are committed to excellence and delivering Tomorrow's Answers Today™.

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.

Not for publication – for more information

Georgete Pereira
Communications Manager,
AkzoNobel Surface Chemistry
312 5447416

Safe Harbor Statement

This press release contains statements which address such key issues as AkzoNobel's growth strategy, future financial results, market positions, product development, products in the pipeline, and product approvals. Such statements should be carefully considered, and it should be understood that many factors could cause forecasted and actual results to differ from these statements. These factors include, but are not limited to, price fluctuations, currency fluctuations, developments in raw material and personnel costs, pensions, physical and environmental risks, legal issues, and legislative, fiscal, and other regulatory measures. Stated competitive positions are based on management estimates supported by information provided by specialized external agencies. For a more comprehensive discussion of the risk factors affecting our business please see our latest Annual Report, a copy of which can be found on the company's corporate website www.akzonobel.com.