

Press Release

OCI Melamine re-starts 30kt/a melamine plant in Geleen in H2 2011

Geleen, 26/01/2011– OCI Melamine, part of OCI Nitrogen one of the European market leaders in fertilizers and melamine, has decided to re-start its 30,000 tonnes/annum Short Liquid Phase (SLP) melamine plant in Geleen, The Netherlands. Commercial quantities of SLP melamine are expected in the fourth quarter of 2011 and contract volumes will be available from the first quarter of 2012.

Improved market fundamentals after the recession in Europe and the America's allow OCI Melamine to re-start the SLP melamine plant. As a result OCI Melamine will increase its supply capabilities, especially for the European market. In 2008, the SLP melamine plant was shut down to adjust output and inventories due to strongly reduced global demand impacted by the worldwide recession.

MelaminebyOCI™, formerly MelaminebyDSM™, is recognized as one of the leading global brands, as it is backed by innovative value added services such as global logistics, Vendor Managed Inventory (VMI) and a team of experts dedicated to support customers with their product formulations, manufacturing processes and applications. Within the industries served, MelaminebyOCI™ is seen as a benchmark for product quality and supply reliability.

OCI Melamine has global Marketing & Sales capabilities with melamine production plants in The Netherlands, Indonesia and China of a total capacity of 250 kt/a.

About OCI Nitrogen

OCI Nitrogen ranks among the market leaders in Europe in the field of nitrogen fertilizers and is the world's largest producer of melamine. OCI Nitrogen's fertilizers play an essential role in improving agricultural productivity and thus supporting the increasing global demand for food. Melamine is used as a raw material for adhesives and resins in numerous applications such as boards, laminate flooring, coatings and paints and plastic tableware. OCI Nitrogen aims to become the top performing company in both markets and is synonymous with quality, excellent service, flexibility and reliability.

OCI Nitrogen is a division of Orascom Construction Industries (OCI), an Egyptian company with a global workforce of 86,000 which operates principally in the field of industrial and infrastructure construction and mineral fertilizers, with projects and investments in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. The head office of OCI Nitrogen is in Geleen (the Netherlands), with production sites being located in Geleen, Indonesia and China.

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