

# Arkema speeds up PVDF project in China

Arkema Group has announced plans to add capacity to its soon-to-open Kynar PVDF fluorinated polymer production plant in Changshu, China.

The company announced on 6 January that it will increase production at the plant by 50% by mid-2012. The French chemical company did not provide details about the plant's current or planned capacity.

Arkema said the additional capacity is needed to meet demand from customers that make electrodes for lithium ion batteries, backsheet for photo-

voltic panels, and water filtration products.

The initial capacity was aimed at the industrial paint market.

"Asia is a key region for the ongoing rollout of our Kynar PVDF commercial expansion strategy. This capacity increase will rank the Changshu plant as a world-scale site, capable of offering a comprehensive offering of local service to our Asian customers in our various markets," said Erwoan Pezron, global director of Arkema's PVDF business, in a news release.



Sabic has scored again with its Lexan Thermoclear polycarbonate (PC) multiwall sheet, which has been used in this new football stadium in Silesian, Poland. Ultra-Stiff Lexan Thermoclear sheet, with its ability to withstand high winds and heavy snow loads typical of the region, is being used to construct the 43,000 m<sup>2</sup>, free-hanging roof of the UEFA Euro 2012 Football Championship stadium.