

## Sumitomo Seika Chemicals invests in Carling, France to produce “AQUA KEEP HP”, super absorbent polymers

Carling, France --- Sumitomo Seika Chemicals is pleased to announce that Sumitomo Seika Europe S.A. / N.V., a wholly owned subsidiary based in Belgium, is set to start production of our new generation of high performance super absorbent polymer, trade name as “AQUA KEEP HP” at our manufacturing plant located in Carling, France from July 2019.

“AQUA KEEP HP” was developed in 2014 with a significantly higher performance in both “absorption capacity” and “absorption capacity under load”. It is most suitable for application in the production of thinner and more discreet hygiene products as well as the optimization of core materials consumption.

Since its introduction, we have seen steady growth in demand from customers across the globe. Currently “AQUA KEEP HP” is produced only in Japan and South Korea.

To meet the needs of our customers in Europe, Middle East and Africa markets, Sumitomo Seika Chemicals has invested in the manufacturing facility to produce “AQUA KEEP HP” in our plant in France, which is operated by Arkema under a toll manufacturing contract.

Sumitomo Seika Chemicals continues to provide “URUOI”, a Japanese word meaning richness in quality through our products and services.



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