

Evonik responds to lauro lactam boom Additional capacity to be increased soon

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Because of the persistently high demand for polyamide 12 worldwide, Germany-based Evonik Industries will continue to expand its lauro lactam capacity further. This expansion represents a boost to the current capacity increase taking place in Marl, which should be completed in the fourth quarter of 2010. The move sees Evonik consolidating its globally leading position on the polyamide 12 market and acting as a reliable partner for secure supplies to its customers, now and in the future.

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Lauro lactam is the starting material for the polymer polyamide 12. Evonik markets polyamide 12 as VESTAMID®, an engineering material, and VESTOSINT® powder.

Working together with its customers and partners, Evonik develops products and system solutions for and with plastics. Its customized products and solutions include raw materials, engineering plastics, high-performance polymers, and semi-finished products.

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Evonik is active in over 100 countries around the world. In its fiscal year 2009 about 39,000 employees generated sales of about €13.1 billion and an operating profit (EBITDA) of about €2.0 billion.

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