



## Kurita Europe boosts Wet Strength Agent (WSA) capabilities with new production plant in Ambès, France.

Kurita Europe is pleased to announce that it officially completed the acquisition of the wet strength agent production plant from Akzo Nobel in France by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. This plant was part of Akzo Nobel since 1992 and certificated with the integrated system QSE, ISO 9001/14001. The plant is located in Ambès in France and has a capacity of 25.000T/y. The acquisition will reinforce the presence of Kurita in the WSA market in South Europe for tissue and speciality paper products.



View of production plant in Ambès, France.

With the acquisition of the WSA plant in Ambès, the main aim of Kurita is to continue creating new services and open up new possibilities for more efficient and resource-saving production operations.

Mid of February already the first 37 tons batch of Giluton® 3641 was produced and specifications are considered as very well. It is even the first time according to operators in Ambès that Cl- content reaches 19 g/L which is a high efficiency. Meanwhile, two more batches were produced and 110 tons of Giluton® 3641 is ready for delivery.

Kurita is one of the market leaders in functional paper additives, thus offers solutions as well as customized services. With innovative solutions and a high level of experience, Kurita contributes to achieving operational excellence in paper manufacturing processes.



Production team in Ambès, France.

### About Kurita.

Kurita Europe GmbH, headquartered in Ludwigshafen, Germany, provides technologies for water, paper and process treatment. Kurita is one of the industry leaders in additives for paper manufacturing.

Founded 1989, our team consists now of 550 employees at 12 various offices in Europe and Middle East, covering the EMEA (Europe, Middle East, Africa) sales area. With own production facilities we contribute to a reliable supply chain for our customers. Our own R&D centers, laboratories and pilot test plants allow us to develop continuously customized state-of-the-art technologies.

Kurita Europe is a subsidiary of Kurita Water Industries Ltd. headquartered in Tokyo, Japan. Founded in 1949, the Group has over 5,600 employees worldwide, generating a turnover of approximately 1.91 billion USD. Over 3,000 patents are proof of Kurita's innovative approach to a resource-saving consumption of water.

We are committed to highest ethical and social demands with a strong sense for fairness, transparency, integrity, safety and compatibility.

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