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Arkema and Toyotsu Chemiplas sign distribution agreement for Forane® FBA 1233zd foam blowing agent in Asia

Arkema and Toyotsu Chemiplas (TCP) have signed an agreement for distribution of Arkema's Forane® FBA 1233zd foam blowing agent in several countries in Asia and Southeast Asia.

Forane® FBA 1233zd is a highly-effective Hydrofluoroolefin (HFO) blowing agent for use in polyurethane foams and other foams. It is non-ozone depleting, non-flammable, and has ultra-low Global Warming Potential (GWP).

"We want to increase our proximity to foam customers in Asia and Southeast Asia," said Paul Lavallee, Arkema's Global Market Manager for Foams. "Arkema also wants to provide environmentally-friendly solutions to our customers as they address their Next Generation foam needs. Toyotsu Chemiplas will be an instrumental partner, introducing Forane® FBA 1233zd, enhancing technical support, and providing a broad portfolio of other foam raw materials, combining for a major benefit to foam customers across Asia."

"Partnering with Arkema greatly enhances our product and services portfolio, particularly with regard to our blowing agent offerings," said Tsutomu Kamidoi, Polyurethane Materials Division of Toyotsu Chemiplas. "We now offer the latest, environmentally-friendly blowing agent solutions. Arkema is a proven global fluorochemicals manufacturer, and we are proud to be a part of their team," noted Tsutomu Kamidoi.

The primary goal of the distributor agreement is to utilize Toyotsu Chemiplas' proven infrastructure and wide and deep presence in the Asian foam market to more effectively market Arkema's Forane® FBA 1233zd to a diverse and growing market.

The distribution agreement covers foam sales in Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam. This multi-year agreement covers sales into foam blowing applications only.

For more information about the Arkema-Toyotsu Chemiplas distribution agreement, please call Shigeru Noritake, Tel: +81 3 4306 5725 or email noritake_shigeru@toyotsu-chemiplas.com or Paul Lavallee, Tel: +1 610 205 7747 or email: paul.lavallee@arkema.com

Background on both companies:

Toyotsu Chemiplas (TCP) is a highly experienced trading firm with presence in numerous countries, and headquartered in Tokyo. TCP's Polyurethane Materials Department provides a wide array of raw materials for the foam industry, including isocyanates, polyols, catalysts, and blowing agents. <https://www.toyotsu-chemiplas.com/en>

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