

News release

Oxea launches new plasticizer product DOA

Oberhausen, September 1, 2009 – The global chemical company Oxea announces the launch of its new product di-octyladipate (or di-2-ethylhexyladipate), generally known in the market as DOA. Oxea's recently acquired esters plant in Amsterdam successfully began its industrial production and DOA is immediately available. DOA is mainly used in polyvinyl chloride (PVC) as a plasticizer providing excellent low temperature properties, good resistance to weathering and heat stability. End applications are in clear food film, garden hoses, gaskets and tubing.

"Our customers' increasing demand for esters has led us to develop new products, such as our recently introduced 3G8 Ester. DOA is our newest addition in this interesting field of activities," said Miguel Mantas, responsible for Sales and Marketing within Oxea's Executive Board. "We are proud of this achievement and the fact that we will continue to grow with our customers all around the world."

"Oxea will further expand its value chain, while taking advantage of Oxea's technologies and its manufacturing capabilities," added Dr. Martina Flöel, spokesperson for the Executive Board of Oxea. "Our ongoing investment in technology and further development of our specialty chemicals expertise are key enablers to be successful," she concluded.

Oxea is a global supplier of solvents, polyols and oxo derivatives such as carboxylic acids, olefin derivatives and alkylamines. These products are used for the production of high-quality coatings, lubricants, cosmetic and pharmaceutical products, flavorings and fragrances, printing inks and plastics. The company is an international market leader in the production of a variety of acetates, alcohols, amines, carboxylic acids and butyraldehydes. Oxea has annual sales worth about EUR 1.2 billion and employs approximately 1,300 people in Europe, Asia and the Americas. They are supported by an experienced sales team worldwide.

Further information about the global Oxea Group is available at www.oxea-chemicals.com.

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