

## Arkema receives American Chemistry Council's 2021 Sustainable Leadership Award for Societal Contributions

**Arkema's commitment to advanced bio-circular polyamide 11 has been honored with a Sustainable Leadership Award for Societal Contributions by the American Chemistry Council (ACC). The prestigious award recognizes products, processes or initiatives that illustrate a commitment to innovating for a sustainable future for society.**

Arkema has demonstrated its leadership commitment by currently building the world's largest bio-factory for advanced polyamide 11 in Singapore, while also co-founding and driving "Pragati", the world's first sustainable castor farming program, and launching its flagship Virtucycle® program for partially and fully recycled advanced bio-polymers.

"We're honored to be recognized by the ACC for our advances in advanced bio-circular (ABC) polymers and the Group's global commitment to developing sustainable solutions that meet current and future social challenges," said Kevin Hanrahan, chief marketing officer, High Performance Polymers. "We are investing several hundred million euros in our new integrated Singapore plant that will start up in the first half of next year where 100% of our monomer and polymer production will be sourced from renewable castor beans."

Arkema is a global pioneer in advanced polyamide 11 materials derived 100 percent from sustainable castor oil, and the company is a founding member of the Pragati initiative for sustainable castor bean farming in India. Several thousand castor bean farmers and their families have been trained and certified by the Pragati initiative so far.

To further strengthen its commitment to the circular economy, Arkema created its Virtucycle® recycling program in 2019. The program develops loops for the collection and regeneration of high performance polymers while minimizing CO2 emissions. Recently Arkema announced the planned acquisition of Agiplast, its historical partner in recycling operations, which will enable the company to offer a full service to customers in terms of materials circularity.

ACC recognized the Sustainability Leadership Award winners at its Virtual Annual Meeting.

*Building on its unique set of expertise in materials science, Arkema offers a portfolio of first-class technologies to address ever-growing demand for new and sustainable materials. With the ambition to become in 2024 a pure player in Specialty Materials, the Group is structured into 3 complementary, resilient and highly innovative segments dedicated to Specialty Materials -Adhesive solutions, Advanced Materials, and Coating Solutions- accounting for some 82% of Group sales, and a well-positioned and competitive Intermediates segment. Arkema offers cutting-edge technological solutions to meet the challenges of, among other things, new energies, access to water, recycling, urbanization and mobility, and fosters a permanent dialogue with all its stakeholders. The Group reported sales of around €8 billion in 2020, and operates in some 55 countries with 20,600 employees worldwide. [www.arkema.com](http://www.arkema.com)*

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