

Evonik Celebrates \$10 Million ROHACELL Plant Opening New Facility In Mobile Alabama Will Better Serve North American Customers

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Evonik Industries yesterday inaugurated its \$10 million ROHACELL® facility in Mobile, Alabama/USA, which produces innovative material used in applications ranging from wind turbine blades to satellite launch rockets.

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The new ROHACELL rigid polymethacrylimide foam production plant – the first outside Europe – was built over the past 12 months and created 26 new jobs.

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Gregor Hetzke, head of Evonik Industries' Performance Polymers Business Unit that includes ROHACELL, said the new plant follows a strategic decision by Evonik to bring its products closer to customers to reduce delivery times and enhance customer service.

“Demand for ROHACELL core materials for is growing, particularly in North America,” he added. “Composites such as ROHACELL continue to be an attractive global growth market and by expanding our production to North America, we hope to expand the business.”

Polymethacrylimide rigid foam ROHACELL is an ideal lightweight material for the aerospace industry. In addition, numerous top athletes rely on skis that incorporate high-end "sandwich cores" made from ROHACELL.

ROHACELL is used in demanding composite sandwich structural applications in markets such as: aerospace, medical, automotive, wind energy, mass transportation, marine and others.

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