



**Arpadis Benelux nv Acquires Maskem Maroc sarl**

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**Arpadis Benelux nv , part of The Arpadis Group, acquires 100% of Maskem Morocco sarl.**

**The acquisition strengthens Arpadis Benelux nv continuing ambitions to become a leading distributor of chemicals in Morocco .**

Through this acquisition, Arpadis will expand its geographic coverage for different chemical products and equipment to Morocco.

In addition, Arpadis will reinforce the equity and commercial team over the coming months to support its growth.

**Arpadis Benelux nv, headquartered** in Antwerp (Belgium) has for years been a key player in the distribution of chemicals.

**About Arpadis**

Arpadis Benelux NV has been distributing chemicals since 1999. The company is now established through subsidiaries and offices in **The Benelux**, Germany, France, UK, **U.A.E.**, Morocco, Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, China and Taiwan.

The privately-owned enterprise has consolidated sales of over **Euro 100mn.** and is now a leading distributor in the **Coatings, Polyurethanes, Inks and Textile** industries.

The **Acrylates** and **Monomers** product group is the defining product mix that sets Arpadis **apart** from its competitors. The Polyurethanes business **at Arpadis** has also embedded itself as a core activity with a wide range of products **on offer**.

The last 3-4 years has also seen the significant addition of Speciality **Chemicals** through close relationships with **global blue-chip** manufacturers. Notable new supply-partnerships developed by Arpadis in recent years are:

- **INVISTA's** range of **DYTEK®** Speciality **Amines** and **HMD**
- **DAINISHISEKA (DAICOLOR)** range of **Pigments, Pigment Preparations and Colorants**

- DOXA range of Additives (**Dispersing and Levelling Agents, Synergists, Adhesion Promoters**)
- FEVE – **Fluoropolymer Resins for Coatings**
- ARPACRYL<sup>®</sup> range of functional **Acrylates and Methacrylate Monomers, Oligomers** and Photo initiators

Arpadis employs 35 people in its different European operations with a philosophy of flexibility to engage with our customers. It has been a long standing **aim and ambition of Arpadis** to combine old values with innovative ideas throughout the chemical supply chain. **The Arpadis team consists of technical experts in the fields of Coatings, Polyurethanes, Inks, Textiles, Plastics and Colorants as well as experienced staff members with expert knowledge in the fields of Chemical distribution, Procurement, Storage and Logistics.**

The global chemical supply chain is evolving rapidly **bringing with it** new challenges, alternative products, revised legislation and a shift towards consolidation alongside a changing feedstock scene **all of which** is having dramatic effects on our customers' long term plans. **Arpadis understands the dynamics of this rapid evolution from a customers' viewpoint and works relentlessly to meet the requirements of this constantly changing envions.**

A customer-focused approach, **fast responsiveness thanks to a lean management and team structure, sound product knowledge** and the flexible attitude adopted worldwide ensures that Arpadis is at the cutting edge of the supply chain at all times. Working with major global producers and SME's alike at the same time, responding to environmental responsibilities by seeking alternative products and materials coupled with more efficient supply chains **are some of our added virtues as a distributor.** Arpadis **is of the firm belief** that efficiency and innovation belong together as we continually strive to improve **and better** the value proposition.

Across Europe the company has a number of warehouses and blending/filling facilities **that are** third party owned and strategically selected to offer quick response times **plus** safe and secure storage. An ISO management system is in place with the company also **having** signed-up to the Responsible Care<sup>®</sup> program supported by many EU chemical trade associations.

For the future, the business model will continue **with** more products aligned with the **Coatings, Polyurethanes, Inks, Textiles and other industry segments** placing Arpadis at the forefront of the **global** supply chain.

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