

May 24th, 2023

Inauguration Ceremony Held for a New Acrylic Acid Facility in Indonesia

NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD. (Headquarters: Osaka, Japan, President: Kazuhiro Noda, hereinafter "Nippon Shokubai") announced that its subsidiary PT. NIPPON SHOKUBAI INDONESIA (hereafter "NSI") held an inauguration ceremony on May 23, 2023, for the new acrylic acid (hereafter "AA") facility with the production capacity of 100,000 MT/Y in Cilegon, Banten, Indonesia.



Nippon Shokubai Group manufactures superabsorbent polymers (hereinafter “SAP”) for disposable diapers and AA which is the raw material for SAP. AA is also used as raw materials for paints and adhesives etc. in the market. Nippon Shokubai Group has AA/SAP production bases around the world and taking advantage of their integrated production from AA to SAP to supply stably and widely around the world, and even maintains the top share of SAP in the world (according to Nippon Shokubai research in 2022).

Nippon Shokubai Group’s AA is used to produce SAP for disposable diapers as its largest application, and global demand of AA is expected to grow steadily due to factors such as an increase in the population of infants and the elderly. To meet the growing demand, Nippon Shokubai Group strengthen the global AA/SAP supply network.

Nippon Shokubai Group’s AA production capacity will expand to 980,000 MT/Y (domestic 540,000 MT/Y, overseas 440,000 MT/Y) by integrating the new AA capacity of 100,000 MT/Y in NSI. Nippon Shokubai Group will continue to meet the needs of customers around the world as an AA/SAP supplier.

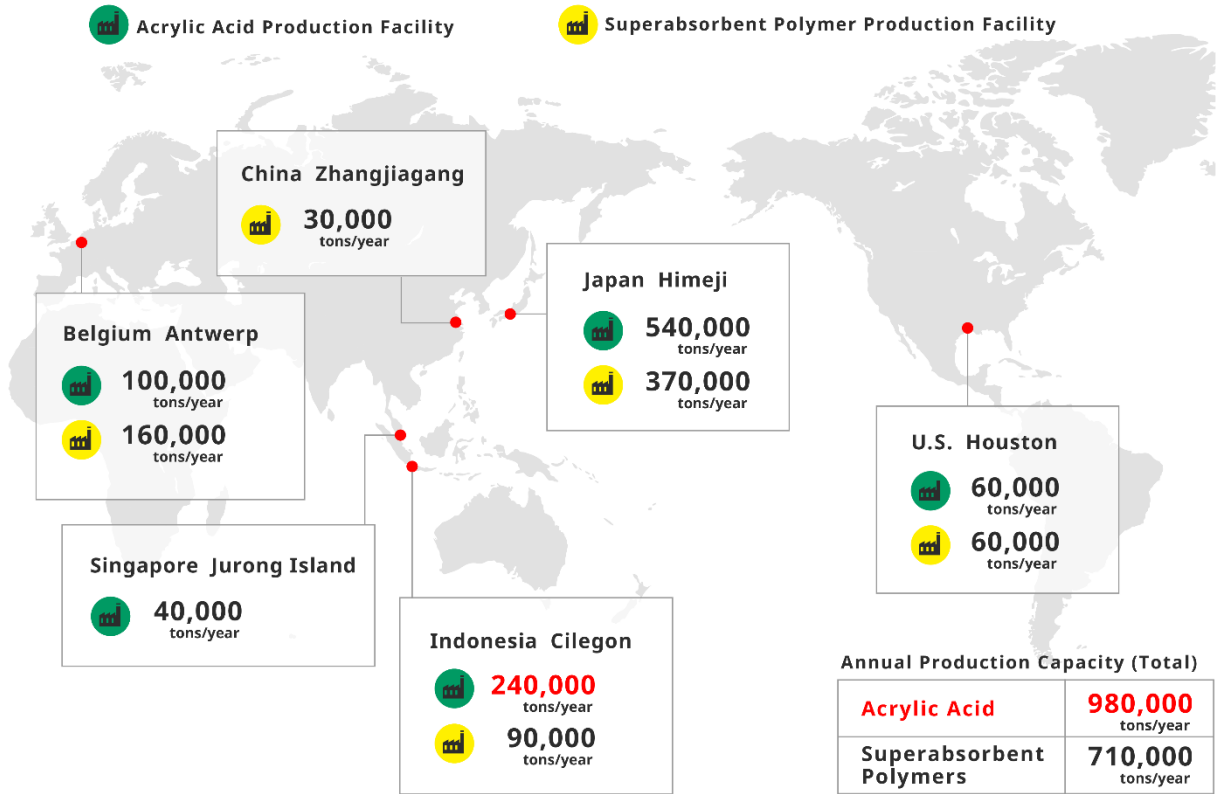


Fig. AA/SAP production base of Nippon Shokubai Group

- The main attendants for the ceremony are as follows;
- Mr. Kenji Kanasugi, Ambassador of Japan in Indonesia
 - Mr. Ignatius Warsito, Ministry of Industry
 - Mr. Aries Indanarto, Ministry of Investment
 - Mr. Nana Suryana, Banten

Mr. Helldy Agustian, Cilegon

Mr. Kazuhiro Noda, President, NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD

Mr. Shinichiro Yoshimoto, President Director, PT. NIPPON SHOKUBAI INDONESIA

Number of attendants for the ceremony is around 120.

◆ Corporate outline of NSI

Established	August 1996
Location	Cilegon, Indonesia (Headquarters and plant)
Representative	Shinichiro Yoshimoto (Mr.), President Director
Business	Production and sales of AA, acrylates and SAP
Capital	120 million US dollars, paid in capital 99.9% owned by Nippon Shokubai
Number of employees	442 as of March, 2023

◆ Feature of capacity expansion work

Production capacity	AA 100,000 MT/Y (3rd plant)
Schedule	Commercial operation – April 2023
Location	Existing plant site of NSI
Investment amount	Approx. 200 million US dollars

About NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD.: Since 1941, Nippon Shokubai has grown up its business with unique catalyst technology. Nippon Shokubai has supplied, for example, ethylene oxide, acrylic acid, automobile catalysts, process catalysts and so on. Among all, our global market share of superabsorbent polymers is the largest in the world now (according to Nippon Shokubai research). Nippon Shokubai is a global chemical company operating under its corporate mission "TechnoAmenity-Providing affluence and comfort to people and society with our unique technology."

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