

## DIC to Build New PPS Compounding Line in North America

**Tokyo, Japan** – DIC Corporation recently announced to build a new production line for its global market-leading polyphenylene sulfide (PPS) compounds at its DIC Imaging Products USA, LLC facility in Oak Creek, Wisconsin.

The new PPS compounding facility will be the company's first in North America and is scheduled to begin operation in the fall of 2020. Combined with four other manufacturing sites located in Japan, China, Southeast Asia and Europe, the investment in North America will increase DIC Group's overall annual PPS compounds production capacity by 3,000 metric tons to 46,000 metric tons.

Guided by its new medium-term management plan, DIC111, DIC is working to provide both social value, which contributes to sustainability and markets, and economic value, which underpins corporate growth, ensuring it remains a unique global company that is trusted by society. The plan's regional strategy for the Americas and Europe calls for increasing production capacity for products other than inks.



**DIC Imaging Products USA**

The decision to establish a production line in the United States is the company's response in meeting the expanding demand for PPS in North America and ensures a stable supply, shortened lead times and reinforces the company's ability to develop products that satisfy the quality requirements of its customers.

The global market for PPS compounds is expected to be 20 percent higher in 2021 than in 2017 as the volume of PPS compounds used in vehicle electrical systems and hybrid/electric vehicles—which contain a significant number of components that require superior heat resistance—continue to grow worldwide.

	<b>Location</b>	<b>Capacity [ton]</b>	<b>Total Capacity [ton]</b>
<b>DIC.PPS Compound</b>	Komaki, Japan	26,500	
	Penang, Malaysia	4,500	
	Vienna, Austria	6,000	<b>46,000</b>
	Zhangjiagang, PRC	6,000	
	Oak Creek, USA	3,000	

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