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ARKEMA : 2ND QUARTER 2006 SALES

**ARKEMA'S SECOND QUARTER 2006 SALES UP 3%
SUSTAINED BY PERFORMANCE PRODUCTS.
FIRST HALF 2006 SALES UP 5.8%**

<u>2Q 2005</u>	<u>2Q 2006</u>	<u>Variation</u>	<u>Sales</u> <i>(In millions of euros)</i>	<u>1H 2005</u>	<u>1H 2006</u>	<u>Variation</u>
1,486	1,531	+3.0%	ARKEMA	2,907	3,076	+5.8%
345	349	+1.2%	Vinyl Products	705	710	+0.7%
639	657	+2.8%	Industrial Chemicals	1 229	1 318	+7.2%
496	524	+5.6%	Performance Products	970	1 045	+7.7%
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Sales rose to €1,531 million in 2nd quarter 2006, up 3% compared to 2nd quarter 2005.

During the quarter, sales by segment remained unchanged compared to 2nd quarter 2005 with Vinyl Products representing 23% of sales, Industrial Chemicals, 43% and Performance Products, 34%.

In first half 2006, sales increased by 5.8% to €3,076 million from €2,907 million in first half 2005.

This increase resulted mainly from price increases in all three segments (+2.3%), higher volumes (+2.1%) and a positive foreign currency effect (+1.6%) related mainly to the appreciation of the dollar against the euro. The changes in the scope of business had very limited impact on sales (-0.2%).

Segment performance in 2nd quarter 2006

VINYL PRODUCTS

Vinyl Products segment sales increased by 1.2% in 2nd quarter 2006.

The steadiness of the two downstream activities (Vinyl Compounds, Pipes and Profiles) offset the impact in April of the programmed maintenance turnarounds of the Lavéra and Balan sites and the decrease of productions of the Saint-Auban plant related to the Chlorochemicals restructuring plan.

INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS

Industrial Chemicals segment sales increased by 2.8%, sales increase in PMMA, Thiochemicals and Hydrogen Peroxide being higher than the decrease in Acrylics.

PERFORMANCE PRODUCTS

Performance Products segment sales rose 5.6% driven, in particular, by good market conditions and new developments in both Technical Polymers and Specialty Chemicals.

Detailed 2nd quarter and first half 2006 results will be released on September, 13th.

Quarterly 2005 proforma results will be available on our website (www.arkema.com) on August, 30th 2006.

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