

Press Release

Desatec GmbH, Hamburg, Germany

Desatec to increase capacity for Sodium Methylate

Desatec GmbH from Hamburg, Germany is proud to announce a substantial increase by 70.000 mt for Sodium Methylate at its existing production facility in Dammam, Saudi Arabia. The plant is now the world largest production plant for Sodium Methylate with a total output of 150.000 mt per year.

Desatec is producing Sodium Methylate Solution and Powder at the Dammam facility and exports from there to all regions in the world - mainly to Europe, Americas and Southeast Asia - to service customers in the growing Life Science and Biodiesel industries.

Together with a local partner, Desatec is also planning to build a Sodium Methylate production plant in Europe with a start-up in 2026. Due to regulatory requirements (see also UN Minamata Convention on Mercury) the two largest existing Sodium Methylate plants in Europe (Germany) will have to discontinue their production in 2027. This will leave a significant supply gap in the European market. With the expansion in Dammam and a new facility in Europe, Desatec is planning to fill this gap and meet the ongoing demand for Sodium Methylate in the largest market worldwide.

In a Joint Venture, together with FTCP Group of Saudi Arabia, Desatec is producing SMO in Dammam, Saudi Arabia, since 2010 under the name of GESICO (German Saudi Industrial Company). SMO is globally used in a variety of Life Science applications and as a catalyst in the production of Biodiesel.

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