

Our activities in North America

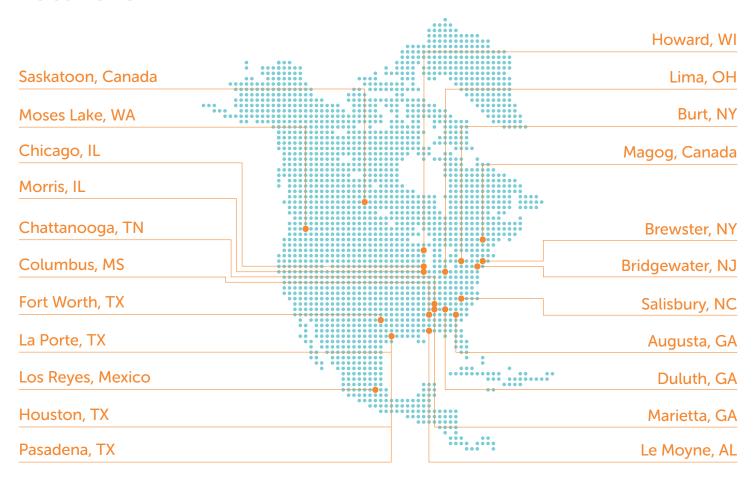
We are a global specialty chemicals leader. Industries worldwide rely on our essential chemistry in the manufacture of everyday products such as paper, plastics, building materials, food, pharmaceuticals, and personal care items.

Officially formed in October 2018 after separating from AkzoNobel, our origins go back much further. We have been active in North America for more than 150 years, and currently we employ 2000 people at 22 locations across the continent.

Key figures

Employees 2000 Locations 22

Locations



Success built on partnerships

- We cooperate with leading universities and institutes in the North American region, including a notable US partnership with Stanford University.
- With Renmatix, a winner of our 2017 Imagine Chemistry challenge, we are developing bio-based performance additives for paints and construction materials.

Growth driven by innovation

- Selected in the 'Innovators' category, our Surface Chemistry business was recognized for its role in proactively advancing the safer chemistry and safer product goals of the EPA Safer Choice program.
- Our Imagine Chemistry challenge attracted over 350 ideas from startups, scale-ups, and scientists working in sustainable chemistry – with many of the finalists hailing from the US.

Sustainability is business

- We are introducing emulsion-based organic peroxides to the US PVC market. They are safer alternatives to solventbased peroxides for making PVC, a plastic used in everyday applications including pipes, doors, windows, and home siding.
- Our Berol DR-B1, an additive for cleaning products, successfully meets stringent US Environmental Protection Agency environmental standards without compromising on performance. This approval allows the product to be used for a wide range of outdoor applications where very low environmental impact is a priority, such as cleaning mass transit vehicles.
- Demand is growing for Expancel microspheres in US market segments such as automotive, construction sealants, and culture marble industries, where the Duluth-produced Expancel helps customers reduce the use of raw material, reduce weight, and increase material durability.

Growing with customers

- Significantly strengthing our global manufacturing footprint for organic peroxides, we completed two capacity expansion projects at our Los Reyes facility in Mexico. A further expansion and upgrade project is currently underway.
- We recently expanded our sulfur derivatives plant in Le Moyne, Alabama. The high strength, high purity NaSH we produce there qualifies as an eco-premium solution, offering advantages in terms of energy efficiency, emissions, and waste water.

A leader in essential chemistry

- We operate the world's largest fatty amines facility, located in Morris, Illinois. Amines are key for the manufacturing of surfactants used in industries such as agriculture, cleaning and personal care, oil and gas, and mining.
- The high purity metal alkyls we produce in Texas make solar energy and sophisticated electronics possible – think of cell phone face recognition, self-driving cars, and even laser medical surgery.
- The chemical that triggered the blast that sent NASA's
 Saturn V rockets soaring a half century ago is still supplied
 to the rocket industry today, and is produced at our site near
 Houston, Texas.
- We have successfully registered our iron chelate FeHBED (in the United States distributed and sold by Yara as Rexolin FeHBED) for use in soil applications through the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials.



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