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Zeon Starts Full-Scale Commercial Production of Acrylic Rubber in Thailand

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Zeon Corporation (President and CEO: Kimiaki Tanaka) began commercial production of acrylic rubber in August 2021 at its Group company, Zeon Chemicals Asia Co., Ltd. (ZCA, managing director: Shiro Mizukai), in Rayong Province, Thailand.

Acrylic rubber (ACM) is a specialty synthetic rubber combining high heat resistance and excellent oil resistance. It is used as a material for under-hood automotive applications, such as transmission seals and gaskets, as well as for intercooler hoses in internal combustion engine vehicles. Demand for ACM is expected to grow, primarily in Asia. Until now, the Zeon Group has been producing the rubber at three of its bases, two in Japan (Kawasaki and Kurashiki) and one in the United States, and the start of commercial production at ZCA will raise the Group's total production volume for ACM to 22,000 tonnes per year. In addition, Zeon intends to bolster its global supply system for ACM among the four bases.

Zeon seeks to polish up its existing businesses as one of its strategies under the medium-term business plan, and the company is therefore working to strengthen products with a competitive edge while raising the efficiency of production lines in the Elastomer Business, which includes synthetic rubbers. By steadily meeting the growing demand for ACM, Zeon will further bolster its synthetic rubber business.



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