

## KEMIRA EXPANDING IN ABERDEEN

Jackson, Miss. (May 14, 2014) – Officials from global chemicals company Kemira announce the company is expanding its dry polymer manufacturing operations in Aberdeen, Miss. The project represents a corporate investment of \$13.9 million and will create six direct jobs.

“I appreciate this global, innovative leader in the chemicals industry for choosing to expand and further invest in its Aberdeen operations,” Gov. Phil Bryant said. “By creating these high-tech jobs and growing its dry polymer manufacturing operations here, Kemira is showing the world that great things take place in our state, and Mississippi has the skilled, knowledgeable workforce and supportive business climate needed for innovation and success.”

“Kemira is very pleased with our recent acquisition of the Aberdeen site, and we are quickly implementing our first expansion project to our initial dry polymer operation in North America,” said Kemira Oil & Mining Vice President of Manufacturing Mike Villers. “With the support of local and state officials and agencies, we are eagerly examining potentials for additional product lines for the future. We are proud to be a responsible member of the community and look forward to building a sustained relationship with its people and providing a secure future for the residents who contribute to Kemira’s planned success.”

The Mississippi Development Authority provided assistance in support of the project for railroad improvements that will increase the long term capacity of the plant. The Monroe County Board of Supervisors also provided assistance for the project in the form of ad valorem tax exemptions.

“MDA is glad to have assisted Kemira as the company strengthens its roots in Mississippi and creates jobs for the residents of Monroe County,” said MDA Executive Director Brent Christensen. “Mississippi’s existing businesses are the driving force behind the state’s economy, and we work together with our economic development partners throughout the state to provide a business environment that encourages their growth and success. We thank the Monroe County Board of Supervisors and the Monroe County Chamber of Commerce for working with us to help facilitate this expansion.”

Kemira is a global chemicals company serving customers in water-intensive industries. The company provides expertise and chemicals that improve its customers’ water, energy and raw material efficiency. Kemira’s focus is on pulp & paper, oil & gas, mining and water treatment. For more information, please visit [www.kemira.com](http://www.kemira.com).

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