

AkzoNobel begins US\$24 million investment in France Aerospace Coatings site



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[AkzoNobel](#) has begun work on a €22 million (US\$24 million) redevelopment and modernization program for its Aerospace Coatings production site at Pamiers, France. The first foundation stone was laid at a formal ceremony in the presence of local officials, customers and the site's staff.

The investment supports an upgrade of the existing facilities to optimize the sustainable performance of the site in the long term. The company plans to achieve this in tandem with significantly reducing its environmental footprint while maintaining the highest safety and environmental standards. The investment will also support the construction of two new buildings which will add a further 3,000 square meters of warehousing and storage space, as well as a new waste management facility.

The development program for the facility was announced two years ago and is part of the company's strategy for industrial excellence and sustainable growth.

Work is expected to be finished by the end of 2026 and will result in a 50 percent increase in overall capacity. Product innovation will be supported by investment into two dedicated research and development laboratories for aircraft structure coatings and cabin interior coatings, where work will continue to develop more Chromate Free products for the future.

"Pamiers was the first European site to introduce waterborne aerospace coatings and this dedication to creating and producing new generation technologies will continue to be a priority," said Xavier Rijmenans, Sales Director of AkzoNobel Aerospace Coatings EMEA. "This significant investment and resulting development of Pamiers is wholly aligned with AkzoNobel's strategy of growth and industrial excellence. It highlights our ambition to create sustainable, efficient and environmentally friendly industrial centres that can respond to local and regional market needs."

The Pamiers site serves the company's customers globally with 60 percent of the aerospace coatings of its production volume going to customers in France and Europe, and the rest distributed to the global market.