

Baalbaki adds capacity for polyols/systems

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Beirut – Baalbaki Industries continues to grow in the middle east and Africa with expansions underway in the UAE and Egypt , confirmed Hassan Baalbaki, by telephone.

His firm has been trading and manufacturing for 60 years and, Baalbaki said: 'We are growing our capacity in raw materials and have added polyester polyol capacity in the UAE to supply GCC and other countries.'



Hassan Baalbaki at plant opening in UAE

This new '15 kT/year will become operational in the third quarter of 2018,' he added. The firm opened a facility in Dubai in November 2007 and expanded it in 2014 to include all polyesters and PU systems and prepolymers.

In Egypt, the expansion is a little simpler, he said, with a further 20 kT/year blending capacity for bulk polyether rigid and flexible polyols, likely to be on stream between April and June 2018.

'We are growing capacity for systems to add value flexible and rigid foam and to be start bulk deliveries soon,' he said.

Bulk delivery is becoming more important in Egypt, he said as cyclopentane is becoming the blowing agent of choice, Baalbaki, explained.

Baalbaki bought Egyptian polyurethane adhesive manufacturer Egycol and invested in it in November 2014 to complement its existing 15 kT/year polyester polyol plant in the country.

Further investments in the PU are under way in other regions/countries and should be approved by BCI board shortly, Baalbaki added.