



Reactor bays in one of the newly acquired buildings

# Belle of the ball

**Optima Chemical** has expanded into West Virginia with its recent acquisition

Optima Chemical, a global supplier of speciality chemicals, toll services and custom manufacturing headquartered in Douglas, Georgia, has just completed the acquisition of a portion of the facilities at the Chemours plant in Belle, West Virginia.

This gives the company a second manufacturing site and expands its capabilities and facilities, as well as enabling it to expand geographically. With many years of close association with DuPont, and now continuing with Chemours as well, the acquisition of the facilities allows Optima to strengthen and continue the ties with these two important partners.

The purchase includes two distinct production assets. One has registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide & Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), allowing Optima to manufacture and offer agrochemical intermediates immediately. The other is similar to the facilities in Douglas, with Hastelloy, 316SS and glass-lined reactors. The equipment also includes a Hastelloy centrifuge and dryer.

Both facilities have room for expansion, and growth at the site is expected. A capable, well trained workforce in West Virginia contributes to the attractiveness of the facility for both Optima and its customers'.

With strong expertise in many water and oxygen sensitive reactions, such as Grignards, organometallic compounds of lithium, sodium and potassium, phosphorous chemistry, Friedel-Crafts reactions, alkali metal reactions, and organosilanes, Optima is well versed in handling hazardous chemicals safely.

The Georgia facilities have frequently been cited for safety and environmental excellence by the Georgia Department of Labor and by SOCMA. The safety and environmental performance of the Belle facilities is expected to continue the standard of excellence established in Georgia. Of course, we also handle less hazardous chemicals to the same standard.

Rail and barge service is available at the Belle site, as well as other transportation modes. The plant, located near Charleston, West Virginia, is close to many of the facilities that use the products Optima manufactures.

This proximity combines with the quick response time of Optima to provide significant time benefits to customers. The additional transportation options allow selection of the optimal transportation method, balancing speed and cost.

The Kanawha Valley in West Virginia has a long and proud history of outstanding chemical companies and facilities including DuPont, Dow,

Union Carbide, Bayer, Rhône-Poulenc, Diamond Shamrock and others.

As the home of the former Union Carbide research centre, many new chemicals were first produced in the valley, along with many new chemical innovations. It is our hope that we can develop strategic partnerships with these and other local chemical manufactures in the valley.

Optima has a history of solid growth from its founding in the mid-1990s. Over the last five years, the company has experienced significant growth. We feel that this is a direct result of our commitment to provide quality products and services to our customers, who have by expanding their business with us.

The acquisition of the Belle facilities provides Optima with capabilities that will be instrumental providing additional services and products for our customers, allowing the company to continue to grow.

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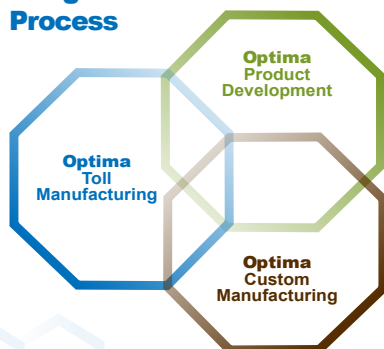
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Optima Chemical is a recognized global supplier of **organometallics, boronic acids, reducing agents, and other high valued products.** Its recent acquisition of manufacturing assets in West Virginia's Kanawha Valley, including a chemical unit with FIFRA registration, will allow Optima to better serve existing customers as well as attract new ones in the agricultural sector.



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