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Kemin Industries Constructs Railroad Spur in Des Moines to Reduce Fuel Consumption

Iowa-based ingredient manufacturer will save thousands of liters of diesel fuel

DES MOINES, Iowa (November 26, 2018) – Kemin Industries, a Des Moines, Iowa-based global nutritional ingredient company that uses science to touch more than 3.8 billion people every day with its products and services, recently completed construction on a railroad spur to more efficiently receive ingredients at its headquarters.

Located near a hub of railroad traffic, Kemin Industries decided to tap into this resource. The company's Animal Nutrition and Health – North America business unit built an offshoot from these tracks that allows Kemin to bring rail cars carrying ingredients directly to campus for use in its manufacturing facilities.

Kemin recently received its first shipment by rail on the newly completed spur.

The rail facility is an important part of sustainability at Kemin. Delivery of one large bulk shipment via a single rail car rather than multiple deliveries by semi-trailer trucks saves thousands of liters of diesel.

Kemin will see improved efficiencies in operation time and cost by receiving bulk ingredients in rail cars. Investing in rail gives Kemin the flexibility to better accommodate customers' orders, as new regulatory requirements for the trucking industry have made deliveries by truck more difficult and less certain.

"We are enthusiastic and eager to build our rail delivery program at Kemin," said Dr. Chris Nelson, President and CEO of Kemin Industries. "Discovering an opportunity to lessen our impact on the environment, better provide for our customers and manage costs is a huge success not just for Kemin, but for the people and industries we serve and our shared efforts to reduce our ecological footprint. These are the kind of opportunities we love to create at Kemin, and I am especially proud of our Animal Nutrition and Health – North America team for implementing this project."

The rail facility will allow delivery of ingredients directly to the company's manufacturing facilities in a more environmentally friendly, cost-effective and customer-benefiting way.

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About Kemin Industries

Kemin Industries (www.kemin.com) is a global ingredient manufacturer with a focus on improving the quality of life for over 3.8 billion people each day with more than 500 specialty ingredients made for the human and animal health, pet food, nutraceutical, food technology, crop technologies and textile industries.

For over half a century, Kemin has been dedicated to using applied science to address industry challenges and offers product solutions to customers in more than 120 countries. Kemin provides ingredients to feed a growing population with its commitment to the quality, safety and efficacy of food, feed and health-related products.

Established in 1961, Kemin is a privately-held, family-owned and operated company with more than 2,500 employees globally and operations in 90 countries, including manufacturing facilities in Belgium, Brazil, China, India, Italy, Russia, Singapore, South Africa and the United States.

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