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VITAMIN

01

DSM-Firmenich will conduct a planned shutdown at its vitamin E plant in Jingzhou, Hubei, throughout June, as confirmed on May 15. Additionally, its vitamin E plant in Sisseln, Switzerland, will undergo a six-week shutdown from mid-July, while the vitamin A production line at the same facility will be offline for 14 weeks starting mid-July.

The vitamin K3 market remains stable this week, with MNB export quotes around USD 11.5/kg and MSB at USD 10/kg. Despite previous low-price channel sales, factory prices remain firm, and recent transactions have shown improvement.

AMINO ACID

02

Yumi Biotechnology (Shandong) Co., Ltd. is set to commence the first phase of its 2.4 million-ton corn starch project in mid-May. With a total investment of USD 8.47 billion, the project will produce 840,000 tons of corn starch, 300,000 tons of lysine, 200,000 tons of threonine, and 40,000 tons of small amino acids annually, along with by-products such as corn protein, corn germ, corn fiber, and corn steep liquor. The annual output value is projected to reach USD 14.58 billion.

API

03

Recently, Changqing (Hubei) Biotechnology Co., Ltd. announced a public notice for its construction project with an annual output of 500 tons of bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide, 1,000 tons of 3-phenoxybenzaldehyde, and 750 tons of 2,6-dichloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)aniline. The project is located in Zone B of the Yaojiagang Chemical Industrial Park and is classified as an expansion. The total investment amounts to USD 36.39 million.

Tylosin tartrate and tilmicosin phosphate prices remain firm, with active market inquiries. As major domestic and international exhibitions approach in May and June, market supply is expected to tighten further. Current transaction prices for tylosin tartrate range between USD 36.26-36.87, while tilmicosin phosphate is around USD 40.56.

FOOD ADDITIVE

04

Danone has acquired U.S.-based plant-based nutrition brand Kate Farms, expanding its presence in daily, medical, pediatric, and specialized nutrition. Kate Farms CEO Brett Matthews will lead Danone's North American medical nutrition unit, with the core team retaining minority stakes. The deal is expected to double Danone's U.S. medical nutrition market share and enhance its global position through Kate Farms' plant-based expertise and distribution network.

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