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VITAMIN

01

This week, the price of Methylanthalene, a key raw material for Vitamin K3, increased by 20%, further raising K3 production costs. However, weak market demand has limited the potential for further price increases, with actual producer costs now exceeding market prices. K3 prices are expected to stabilize in the short term, while higher costs could provide further upside if market demand improves. Current quotations are around USD 9/KG for MSB and USD 10.5/KG for MNB.

AMINO ACID

02

- Evonik has announced the official termination of force majeure at its Singapore Methionine plant, with operations fully resumed. However, ongoing uncertainty in the Middle East, combined with the impact of previous production disruptions and geopolitical tensions, means supply chains and logistics remain subject to volatility.
- ADAMA has appointed Dr. Hao Zhigang, former General Manager of Adisseo, as President and CEO, effective November 1. He will succeed Gaël Hili, who will become Chairman of ADAMA and its subsidiary ADAMA Agricultural Solutions Ltd., continuing to participate in the company's strategic direction and business development.

API

03

Fujian Shaowu Dolphin Pharmaceutical Technology Co., Ltd. plans to invest approximately USD 18.39 million to upgrade its existing D-ethyl ester production line. While maintaining the existing annual capacity of 1,500 MT, the project will add several pharmaceutical intermediates, including terephthalaldehyde, isophthalaldehyde, p-nitroacetophenone, m-nitroacetophenone, benzoxazole alcohol, ketones, and dimethyl difluoromalonate.

FOOD ADDITIVE

04

We care Probiotics recently announced an upgraded production process for Akkermansia muciniphila (AKK), using non-vacuum freeze-drying technology to reduce mechanical damage and preserve cell structure and bioactivity. Supported by AI-enabled smart manufacturing and automated production lines, the upgrade has increased annual AKK capacity to over 200 MT while reducing overall production costs by 80%.

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