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Finnish company Kemira consolidating in Atlanta

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ATLANTA - Finnish water and fiber management company Kemira announced today it plans to consolidate its North American research and development facilities into a new Atlanta location, creating 85 jobs.

"Georgia has the right environment for companies like Kemira to do the research they need to stay on the cutting edge," said Ken Stewart, commissioner of the Georgia Department of Economic Development. "Our educated workforce and array of top-notch research institutions make locating here a natural fit."

Kemira, which currently has six locations in Georgia and more than 100 worldwide, recently signed a lease to occupy space at Technology Enterprise Park in Atlanta.

The facility will house research and development professionals focused on enhancing development and commercialization of innovative technologies and products for the pulp and paper, water treatment and oil and mining industries.

The new R&D center will be one of five globally for Kemira and the only R&D location in North America.

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Kemira opens a research and development center at Georgia Tech campus in Atlanta

Kemira Group

Press Release

September 23, 2008 at 14.00 pm (CET+1)

Kemira announced today it has signed a lease on a new research and development center located at Technology Enterprise Park (TEP) in association with the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia. The new center in Atlanta will start up by summer 2009 and employ 85 R&D professionals.

The TEP facility is part of Kemira's target to consolidate 17 existing R&D sites into 5 global facilities by summer 2009. In addition to this new R&D Center at TEP, the consolidated network will also include one center in Northern Europe, one in Continental Europe and one in Asia. A fifth center will be established in Latin America during 2009. The resulting R&D infrastructure will be strategically focused on enhancing development and commercialization of innovative technologies and products for Kemira's customers locally and globally meeting the needs of the pulp and paper, water treatment and oil and mining industries.

"Kemira has a strong commitment to the customer segments we serve in North America", says **Hannu Melarti**, Region Head. "The introduction of this R&D center in Atlanta further strengthens our partnerships with customers in North America, while also allowing our highly skilled R&D team to contribute to our customer needs globally."

"Kemira enhances its strategic cooperation with the industry clusters, universities and overall research community through our regionally located R&D Centers. This is how we will ensure highly skilled and motivated resources to the benefit of our customers businesses. We develop new products, improve our services and concepts and utilize the synergies in our different areas of expertise to enhance the profitability and efficiency of our customers", states **Johan Grön**, head of R&D and Technology of The Kemira Group.

Founded in 1885, Georgia Institute of Technology is one of the top-rated research universities in the US. In addition to its student population of over 19,000, Georgia Tech has extended its "campus" far beyond the borders of its Atlanta campus to encompass learning and research platforms as close as southeast Georgia and as far as Europe and Asia.

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Kemira will be a focused company, the best in water and fiber management chemistry.

In **2007**, Kemira recorded revenue of approximately EUR 2.8 billion and had a staff of 10,000. Kemira operates in 40 countries.

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By Leon Stafford, Joe Guy Collier, Kevin Duffy, Kelly Yamanouchi

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Company creates 85 jobs in Midtown

A Finnish company will consolidate its North American research and development facilities at Technology Enterprise Park in Midtown, creating 85 jobs. Kemira, which develops technologies for pulp and paper, water treatment and the oil and mining industries, currently has six locations in Georgia and more than 100 worldwide. Technology Enterprise Park is affiliated with Georgia Tech. Jones Lang LaSalle's Rob Metcalf, Brannan Moss and Nicole Janney represented Kemira in leasing the 40,000-square-foot space.

— Kevin Duffy



Kemira Oyj to open new R&D centre in the US

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Sep 23, 2008 (NORDIC [BUSINESS REPORT](#) via COMTEX) -- [KMRAF](#) | [Quote](#) | [Chart](#) | [News](#) | [PowerRating](#) -- Finnish chemicals group Kemira Oyj (OMX Helsinki:KRA) said on Tuesday (23 September) that it has signed a lease on a new research and development centre located at Technology Enterprise Park (TEP) in association with the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, USA.



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The new facility in Atlanta will start up by summer 2009 and will employ 85 R&D professionals.

The TEP centre is part of Kemira's target to consolidate 17 existing R&D sites into five global facilities by summer 2009.

Kemira Oyj, headquartered in Helsinki, Finland, is a chemicals group that operates in 40 countries. In 2007 Kemira recorded revenue of EUR2.8bn and had a staff of 10,000.

One British pound (GBP) is worth approximately 1.26 euros (EUR).

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Technology Park Draws Finnish Company

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A **Finnish** water and fiber management company will consolidate its **North American** research and development operations into the **Technology Enterprise Park** in Midtown Atlanta.

Kemira Inc. announced Sept. 23 that it has leased space at the park, a development off **North Avenue** near the campus of the **Georgia Institute of Technology** that opened the first of four planned buildings last November.

The Atlanta facility will employ 85 people and is part of the company's plan to reduce its 17 existing R&D sites to five in strategic regions around the world by the summer of 2009.

Among other products, Kemira provides chemical solutions for the pulp and paper, water treatment and oil and mining industries.

Using the R&D infrastructure provided by the park and the talent and resource base supplied by its association with Georgia Tech, the new research facility will help Kemira turn its innovations into products that meet the needs of customers.

"Kemira enhances its strategic cooperation with the industry clusters, universities and overall research community through our regionally located R&D centers," said **Johan Grön**, head of R&D and technology at the **Kemira Group**. "This is how we will ensure highly skilled and motivated resources to the benefit of our customers' businesses."



Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin and former Georgia Tech President Wayne Clough attended the opening of the technology park's first building last November. The ribbon cutting also drew a delegation from Ireland. [Full story](#)

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The Technology Enterprise Park is seen as a key to drawing more technology and bioscience firms to Georgia.

A press release from the **Georgia Department of Economic Development** said that Kemira's lease filled the last vacant space in the park's first building.

"Our educated workforce and array of top-notch research institutions make locating here a natural fit," said **Ken Stewart**, Georgia's economic development commissioner, said in the



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A delegation of bioindustry officials from **Ireland** visited Atlanta last year for the ribbon cutting ceremony that opened the technology park.

The group was led by **Barry Dolan**, associate director and biotechnology research lead at **Georgia Tech Ireland**, an **Athlone**, Ireland-based branch of the university's research institute.

The first two companies to lease space at the park were **Altea Therapeutics Corp.**, which produces a transdermal delivery system for water-soluble drugs and proteins, and **CardioMEMS Inc.**, which produces wireless sensing and communication technology for the human body.

In 2007, Kemira had revenues of 2.8 billion euros and a worldwide staff of 10,000 employees in 100 locations.

For more information on the technology park, see this GlobalAtlanta article on the opening: <http://stories.globalatlanta.com/2007stories/015557.html>

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"Kemira has a strong commitment to the customer segments we serve in North America, said Hannu Melarti, Kemira region head, in a prepared statement. "The introduction of this R&D center in

Atlanta further strengthens our partnerships with customers in North America, while also allowing our highly skilled R&D team to contribute to our customer needs globally."

Jones Lang Lasalle represented Kemira in its negotiations.

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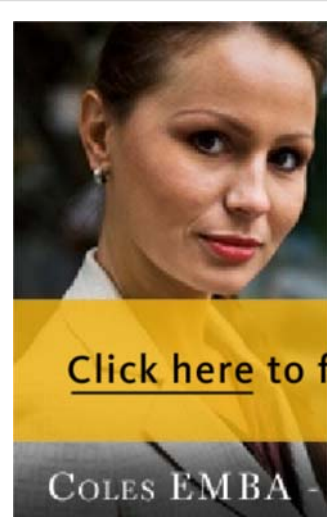
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