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## Bayer MaterialScience to open one China plant a year through 2009 - report

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SHANGHAI (AFX) - Bayer MaterialScience AG said it plans to put at least one world-class industrial raw materials plant into operation a year until 2009 at the Shanghai Chemical Industry Park (SCIP), the Shanghai Daily reported, citing a company official.

The new plants will focus mainly on production of polyurethane, which is widely used in construction and refrigeration insulation, the paper said citing Peter Vanacker, head of the company's polyurethane sector.

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That plan includes a 1.3 bln plant for making diphenylmethane diisocyanate, a type of polyurethane. The plant will be able to turn out 350,000 metric tons of the product a year when it goes on line in 2008, marking it the world's biggest such facility, the paper said.

The company earlier committed to investing 1.8 bln usd in SCIP park by 2009, the paper said.

Bayer MaterialScience accounts for more than three-quarters of parent Bayer AG's sales in

China, the paper said.

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