

### Total Corbion PLA Selects NextChem To Design Grandpuits PLA Facility

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Tecnimont's NextChem subsidiary has been awarded a contract by Total Corbion PLA, a 50-50 joint venture of Total and Corbion, to carry out the front-end engineering design for a new polylactic acid (PLA) manufacturing plant in Grandpuits, France (PCN, 28 Sept 2020, p 4).

The new 100,000-t/y facility, scheduled to be operational in 2024, will be the "first of its kind" in Europe, the joint venture noted.

It will make Total Corbion PLA the global "market leader" in PLA, firmly positioned to cater to the rapidly growing demand for Luminy PLA resins, it added.

"Signing this contract with NextChem is an important milestone as it reinforces our commitment to the global bioplastic market as the first company to launch commercial-scale lactic acid to PLA capability in Europe," said Total Corbion PLA Chief Executive Thomas Philipon.

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