

# Press Release

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## Sapa invests to double the capacity in China

Sapa invests 430 MSEK to extend the production capacity for the production of heat exchanger strip at the Sapa Heat Transfer Shanghai plant. The investment will almost double the production capacity to 80,000 tonnes per year and the investment includes both property and machinery.

The project is initiated immediately with planning and procurement. The investment also takes into consideration future demands for heat exchanger material. It will also lead to an increase in efficiency at the heat transfer plant in Shanghai.

"We expect a continuing positive growth in China and Asia. Especially the automotive industry in China is developing very well", says Michael Mononen, Vice President, Heat Transfer. "The investment is a natural step in our continuing focus to support the heat exchanger industry globally."

The investment is scheduled to be in operation in 2010.

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