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Chinaâ??s Angel Yeast Aiming to Solidify its Feed Grade Yeast Market Position

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This news came a month after Angel Yeast officially opened the new R&D centre in Yichang City. It is understood that more than 196 million yuan ($30 million) has been invested in the facility to date. Another $60 million of annual investment has been earmarked for scientific research in the years to come.

Founded in 1986, Angel Yeast's product range includes bakerâ??s yeast and ingredients, Chinese dim sum solutions, yeast extract-savory, human health, plant care, brewing & biofuels, microbial nutrition, and enzymes. At present, the firm has 11 production bases in China, Egypt, and Russia, and provides products and services to more than 150 countries and regions globally. Today, Angel Yeast claims to be the third-largest yeast company in the world

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He said his company is expanding production lines at its Bingzhou plant (an additional 25,000 tonnes/year in total yeast capacity is expected). The company has also invested to build a manufacturing plant in Dehong city in Yunnan province, with 15,000 tonnes/year in total yeast capacity.

In addition to the new capacities, Angel Yeast has added water treatment facilities to each of its manufacturing sites, enabling them to convert wastewater into organic fertilizer and biogas.

“Continuously increasing our investment in green manufacturing is an important part of our 2025 strategy. These two projects will further boost the production capacity while reducing carbon emissions,” Jeason Zuo said. “For the Chinese fermentation industry, how to protect the environment and reduce carbon emissions is the priority for sustainable development.”