

## CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

### Selected Facts & Figures

#### Products

- Products produced in the Old City include: plastic textile linens; rubber products; adhesives; shampoos, soaps and cleaners; cosmetics
- Products produced outside the Old City include fertilizers and pesticides for agriculture as well as pharmaceuticals

#### Petrochemicals

- This sector produces plastic products for domestic household and industrial use.
- Most of the petrochemicals production is located in Aleppo
- 60 percent of petrochemicals production is for the Syrian markets and another 40 percent for the export sector – mainly Iraq and Eastern Europe

#### Exports

- the chemical sector in the first half of 2009 accounted for an astonishing 52.3 percent of all exports from Aleppo
- pharmaceuticals, makes up most of these exports, Chemicals other than pharmaceuticals, but including cosmetics accounted for just 2.9 percent of all exports
- Good export performance comes from Formica products (exported to surrounding GAFTA countries) and from detergents and soaps