

## The RAPP rayon plant is expected to be completed this year

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The dissolving rayon plant from PT Riau Andalan Pulp Paper (RAPP) will color the Indonesian Pulp Paper industry in the near future. The factory which is engaged in upstream rayon making it will push the Indonesian textile industry as well.

"We do not have a rayon factory, and now there is a big investment that will go for development in Riau," said Director General of Agro Industry Ministry of Industry Panggah Susanto. He confirmed that the factory belongs to PT RAPP and is expected to be completed by this August. Just so you know, RAPP is part of the April Group which became one of the businesses of the large group of Royal Golden Eagle owned by the Tanoto family. Earlier on another occasion, the Directorate of RGE Anderson Tanoto stated the rayon industry is actually very important for Indonesia. The group already has a pulp dissolving plant in Brazil to produce rayon fiber. There are three types of Pulp products, first paper, second dissolving pulp and last is a specialty pulp that can be used for eyeglasses, diet pills, tablets, and cigarette filters.

"The price is high, we are producing specialty pulp in Brazil which we will then enter into Indonesia, maybe with the new rayon factory may be completed in September," said Anderson, Tuesday (2/5). The plant's investment value is Rp 10.9 trillion with a production capacity of 350,000 tons per year. Pabrik rayon RAPP diperkirakan selesai tahun ini. Pabrik dissolving rayon dari PT Riau Andalan Pulp Paper (RAPP) akan mewarnai industri Pulp Paper Indonesia dalam waktu dekat. Pabrik yang bergerak dalam bidang hulu pembuatan rayon itu bakal mendorong industri tekstil Indonesia juga. "Kita belum punya pabrik rayon, dan sekarang sudah ada investasi besar yang akan masuk untuk pembangunan di Riau," kata Direktur Jenderal Industri Agro Kementerian Perindustrian Panggah Susanto. Ia mengkonfirmasi bahwa pabrik milik PT RAPP dan diperkirakan bakal selesai pada Agustus ini. Asal tahu, RAPP merupakan bagian dari April Group yang menjadi salah satu usaha dari kelompok besar Royal Golden Eagle yang dimiliki keluarga Tanoto. Sebelumnya pada kesempatan lain, Direktorat RGE Anderson Tanoto menyatakan industri rayon sebenarnya sangat penting untuk Indonesia. Grup yang sudah memiliki pabrik dissolving pulp di Brasil guna memproduksi serat rayon. Adapun terdapat tiga tipe hasil Pulp, pertama kertas, kedua dissolving pulp dan terakhir adalah specialty pulp yang bisa digunakan untuk kacamata, diet pil, tablet, dan filter rokok. "Harganya memang tinggi, kami produksi specialty pulp di Brasil yang kemudian akan kami masukkan ke Indonesia. Mungkin dengan pabrik rayon baru mungkin September bisa selesai," kata Anderson, Selasa (2/5). Nilai investasi pabrik tersebut sebesar Rp 10,9 triliun dengan kapasitas produksi 350.000 ton per tahun.