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**Preventing Hepatitis B Infection on Infants**

Hepatitis B prevalence in Indonesia is still high (9.4%, according to 2010 Basic Health Research) although vaccination program on infants has begun 20 years ago. The high prevalence is due to irregular vaccination schedule. Nearly 90% babies who are infected by hepatitis B virus will develop chronic hepatitis B disease, said Mohammad Djufrie, pediatrician, Gadjah Mada University. The younger an individual contracted with hepatitis B, the higher possibility to develop chronic hepatitis B. Hepatitis B among infants occurs via mother-infant perinatal transmission during childbirth, with 90% occurrence. Most people with hepatitis B do not show specific symptoms, contributing to high severity and prevalence. Infants with infected mothers should be vaccinated within less than 12 hours after birth as it gives 85%-95% efficacy, preventing perinatal transmission. Breastfeeding can be given after vaccination, said dr Hanifah Oswari SpA, pediatrician.

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**Kimia Farma's New Plant Postponed**

PT Kimia Farma Tbk (KAEF) delays its new plant groundbreaking in Banjarnegara, West Java due to masterplan change, postponing its bond issue to fund the project. The Banjarnegara plant will become PT KAEF primary plant, said Djoko Rusdianto, Corporate Secretary for PT KAEF. The new plant will cost Rp670 billion and PT KAEF has allocated 20% of its 2013 capital expenditure to build new plant. PT KAEF will build the plant in several phases and the remaining capital expenditure will be spent on building

hospitals, pharmacies and clinics. PT KAEF vigorous expansion anticipates Social Security Administrative Body (BPJS) implementation in 2014.

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