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GLUTAMINE PRODUCTION UPPED

Production of **Ajinomoto** glutamine is now on stream following the construction of a new facility in Limeira, Brazil. In Japan, where the market was pioneered, products with amino acids have helped the sports-drinks sector gain a 10 per cent share of the beverage market. Amino Vital, a sports drink with amino acids, has recently been launched in the United States, and demand looks set to extend to Europe, where the sports-nutrition industry is growing rapidly. The Brazil factory is one of the world's largest amino-acid production facilities, and will also produce the branched-chain amino acids valine, leucine and isoleucine.