

LANXESS Celebrates 20 Years: Building a Sustainable Future in Japan

Tokyo, August 19, 2025 – German specialty chemicals company LANXESS celebrated its 20th anniversary in Tokyo on August 19, 2025, celebrating its spin-off from Bayer Group in 2005. Since then, LANXESS has solidified its position in Japan's specialty chemicals market, focusing on intermediates, additives, and consumer protection products, while establishing a strong presence with its headquarters in Tokyo's Marunouchi district and production facilities and laboratories in Toyohashi and Kawasaki.

"Energizing Chemistry is the vision of LANXESS. Over the next decade, we will prioritize customer needs, drive innovation, and deliver sustainable solutions tailored to the Japanese market. Japan is a strategic market for LANXESS, and we are committed to deepening collaboration with our partners to build a sustainable future for the industry," Dr. Hubert Fink, Member of the Management Board of LANXESS AG and responsible for the Asia-Pacific region, said.

Developing with Japan

LANXESS' roots in Japan trace back to Bayer's introduction of dyes in 1886. Following its independence, the company's Japanese subsidiary LANXESS K.K. was established to import and sell specialty chemicals, serving industries such as automotive, electronics, construction, and agriculture. The Toyohashi site, home to the Rhein Chemie business unit, operates a state-of-the-art production facility for rubber additives, while the Kawasaki technical center supports microbial control services for the Material Protection Products business unit.

In 2015, LANXESS K.K. strengthened its operations by merging with Rhein Chemie Japan Co., Ltd., enhancing its capabilities in rubber

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additives and other specialty chemicals. The company has since expanded its portfolio through strategic acquisitions, including Chemtura (2010), Theseo Group (2021), Emerald Kalama Chemical (2021), and microbial control businesses from IFF (2022), reinforcing its commitment to innovation and market leadership in Japan.

Prioritizing Local Needs

Japan's chemical market is a global leader in innovation, particularly in high-tech and sustainable solutions. LANXESS K.K. is well-positioned to meet the evolving demands of Japanese customers, particularly in the e-mobility, IT, and electronics sectors.

"The Japanese market's focus on advanced technology and sustainability aligns with LANXESS' strengths. We leverage our global expertise and local capabilities to deliver tailored, high-value products," Junichi Yonezu, President and CEO of LANXESS K.K., said.

The Toyohashi facility plays a critical role in supporting Japan's automotive and rubber industries, producing additives like Rhenogran® for tire and rubber processing. Meanwhile, the Kawasaki technical center provides cutting-edge microbial control solutions for industries ranging from construction, textile to cosmetics, ensuring localized innovation that meets Japan's stringent quality standards.

Driving a Sustainable Future with Green Innovation

LANXESS K.K. is committed to sustainable development through innovation and collaboration. The company has implemented environmentally friendly processes at its Toyohashi site, optimizing resource use and reducing emissions in rubber additive production.

Globally, LANXESS aims for climate neutrality in production by 2040 and across its value chain by 2050, earning recognition in

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sustainability indices like the Dow Jones Best-in-Class Index (first in Europe, fourth globally), ISS ESG, MSCI ESG (AA rating), and EcoVadis Gold Level.

LANXESS is a leading specialty chemicals company with sales of EUR 6.4 billion in 2024. The company currently has about 12,000 employees in 32 countries. The core business of LANXESS is the development, manufacturing and marketing of chemical intermediates, additives and consumer protection products. LANXESS has achieved leading positions in the Dow Jones Best-in-Class Index and the MSCI ESG and ISS ESG ratings, among others, for its commitment to sustainability.

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