

LANXESS Boosts Chinese Market Focus with Sustainable Lubricants and Innovation

Qingdao, August 27, 2024 – German specialty chemicals company LANXESS is strengthening its focus on the Chinese market by prioritizing sustainable solutions and advanced lubricant additives. With increasing demand for environmentally friendly products in China, the LANXESS Lubricant Additives (LAB) business unit is leading the way by providing innovative solutions tailored to local market needs.

Sustainable Sulfur Carriers for China's Growing Demand

Following significant destocking over the past year, the demand for lubricant additives in China is expected to recover. "Our customers are now aligning production with actual demand, rather than restocking," Jennifer Liu, Asia-Pacific Head of the LAB business unit, said. "Sustainability is a key concern for our customers in China. Our sustainable light-color sulfur carriers and other eco-friendly products are designed to meet this demand, helping us solidify our market position."

LANXESS has expanded its production capacity for sustainable light-color sulfur carriers, aligning with the growing demand in China for these products. These sulfur carriers are essential in applications such as battery case forming oil, a crucial component in various industries. Additionally, the Scopeblue® Additin® EP, comprising more than 50% sustainable raw materials, offers eco-friendly options for reducing wear on metal surfaces and preventing cold welding. The new production capacity will enable LANXESS to better serve Chinese customers, offering products that meet stringent sustainability criteria.

Advanced Lubricants for High-Tech Applications

LANXESS' portfolio includes advanced lubricants for high-tech applications, such as wind turbines and high-speed rail systems. The Hatcol® range, featuring di- and polyol- esters, offers exceptional

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purity and temperature resistance, enhancing the performance and longevity of wind turbines. Additionally, Anderol® compressor oil are used in the braking systems of high-speed rail, including in China, ensuring reliable and efficient operations.

In the aviation sector, LANXESS supplies lubricants for the COMAC C919 aircraft, showcasing the company's expertise in meeting rigorous safety and performance standards. The Royco™ hydraulic fluids offer optimal anti-wear and corrosion resistance, providing optimal performance across a wide range of temperatures. These fluids meet high cleanliness standards, ensuring reliable operation in demanding conditions. By providing these high-quality lubricants, LANXESS is supporting China's growing aviation industry with products that enhance safety and efficiency.

Supporting China's Food Industry with Safe Lubricants

The Anderol® Food Grade lubricants, specially formulated for food processing environments, are another key offering from LANXESS. These high-performance food grade lubricants are NSF H1 approved, making them suitable for applications where incidental contact with food might occur. Additionally, they are Kosher and Halal certified, ensuring compliance with diverse dietary laws. They not only enhance equipment longevity by providing excellent lubrication and protection but also facilitate improved production efficiency, making them an essential component for maintaining safety and reliability in the food industry.

Local Innovation and Adaptation

LAB's laboratory at the LANXESS Asia-Pacific Application Development Center (AADC) in Shanghai is a hub for innovation, focusing on local research and development. The laboratory has achieved global recognition by being the first to develop hybrid PU-CSC grease, leading to a global patent (polyurea-calcium sulfonate complex). This local innovation with the potential to replace existing PU grease and the potential to extend CSC grease into new markets and applications ensures that LANXESS products are well-suited to

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meet the specific requirements of the Chinese market, including for steel mill and electric vehicle applications.

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About LANXESS

LANXESS is a leading specialty chemicals company with sales of EUR 6.7 billion in 2023. The company currently has about 12,500 employees in 32 countries. The core business of LANXESS is the development, manufacturing and marketing of chemical intermediates, additives and consumer protection products. LANXESS is listed in the leading sustainability indices of the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI World and Europe).

LANXESS China

On January 31, 2005, the company was initially listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange and LANXESS Chemical (China) Co., Ltd. officially started operations. LANXESS now has 13 subsidiaries, 5 R&D centers and 5 production sites in Greater China. LANXESS works closely with its local partners to develop market-oriented solutions that meet local market needs.

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