

LANXESS significantly expands benzyl alcohol capacity

- **Expansion by 30 percent at German site in Krefeld-Uerdingen**
- **Further debottlenecking measures planned in India**

Cologne – Specialty chemicals company LANXESS is expanding its production capacity for the industrial chemical benzyl alcohol for the global market by around 30 percent. The two-stage expansion of the plant at the German site in Krefeld-Uerdingen is scheduled for completion by the end of 2019. A low double-digit million euro sum will be spent on the conversion measures. In addition, the Advanced Industrial Intermediates (All) business unit has expansion plans for its Indian site in Nagda. Several process improvements have already led to an increase in benzyl alcohol capacity there in recent years.

"With our two sites in Germany and India and the planned expansions, we are well positioned to meet the growing demand from our customers," says Michael Ertl, Head of the Benzyl Products & Inorganic Acids business line at All. "We are well equipped to serve both global groups with locations around the world and small and medium-sized companies worldwide," the manager emphasizes.

Important industrial chemical for numerous applications

Benzyl alcohol from LANXESS is used in a variety of different applications, for example as a solvent for coatings, color pastes and construction chemicals, as a high-purity preservative for injection solutions and cosmetics, and as a synthetic chemical. Other applications include adhesives, plastics, textile auxiliaries, fragrances and flavorings, and agricultural chemicals. In the European Union, benzyl alcohol is approved as a food additive with the number E 1519 for the production of flavors for certain beverages, confectionery and bakery products.

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Detailed information on the All business unit's products can be found on the Internet at <http://advancedindustrialintermediates.com>.

The LANXESS business unit is part of the Advanced Intermediates segment, which recorded sales of EUR 2.2 billion in fiscal year 2018.

LANXESS is a leading specialty chemicals company with sales of EUR 7.2 billion in 2018. The company currently has about 15,400 employees in 33 countries and is represented at 60 production sites worldwide. The core business of LANXESS is the development, manufacturing and marketing of chemical intermediates, additives, specialty chemicals and plastics. LANXESS is listed in the leading sustainability indices Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI World and Europe) and FTSE4Good.

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Benzyl alcohol from LANXESS is used in a variety of different applications, for example as a solvent for coatings.

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