

### LANXESS – Energizing Chemistry

LANXESS is a leading global specialty chemicals company. We develop, produce and market high-tech plastics, high-quality intermediates and specialty chemicals. LANXESS is also a leading supplier of synthetic rubber with ARLANXEO, a joint venture through Saudi Aramco.

With 52 production sites and 16,600 employees in 29 countries, LANXESS is close to its customers in all relevant markets.

Quality is the foundation of our actions. This quality standard doesn't just apply to our products and services. More importantly, quality shapes our culture and our entire entrepreneurial mission.

We also understand quality as meaning that we operate sustainably in the broadest sense. As a global specialty chemicals company, we have a great responsibility toward people and the environment. Our business activities reflect this awareness. With our products and our expertise in the area of sustainable development, we make a significant contribution to supporting our customers, taking care of the environment and improving the quality of life of people everywhere.

LANXESS has deep roots in Germany that go back to 1863, the year in which Bayer was founded. At the beginning of 2004, parts of Bayer's chemicals and plastics activities were carved out and placed into the then newly established LANXESS group.

#### Basic and fine chemicals for the world market

With its Advanced Intermediates segment, LANXESS is a leading global supplier of chemical intermediates. We serve nearly all industry sectors, including agriculture, plastics, chemicals, consumer goods, construction and the tire and automotive industries. The focus is on aromatic compounds manufactured through an interlinked network of production facilities. Our portfolio also includes chemical precursors and special chemical active ingredients commissioned by

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customers, e.g. for crop protection products and pharmaceuticals, as well as the insect repellent active ingredient Saltidin.

### High-performing process and functional chemicals

LANXESS combines its applications-oriented businesses in the area of process and functional chemicals for a number of industries within the Performance Chemicals segment. Our customized additive specialty chemicals improve the processability of materials and the properties of rubber, lubricants and plastics. For 90 years, our inorganic pigments have been used in the construction industry to color concrete, dyestuffs and coatings. We are also a producer of solutions for water purification and treatment, which means our products can be found in households and various industries throughout the world. Our system solutions for the leather industry cover the entire spectrum – from chemicals for all stages of leather production to on-site applications technology support. With our broad range of antimicrobial active ingredients and preservatives, furthermore, we offer solutions for nearly all industry sectors.

### Innovative high-tech plastics

With its expertise in innovative hybrid and composite technologies and a globe-spanning network of modern production facilities, the High Performance Materials business unit supplies high-tech plastics particularly to customers from the automotive, electronics and electrical engineering industries. As a lightweight construction material, they satisfy stability, durability, safety and esthetic requirements while considerably reducing weight. Lightweight construction in the automotive industry helps to improve the economic and ecological balance of conventional mobility and makes new technologies such as electric mobility possible.

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### World-class rubber products

With ARLANXEO, a 50:50 joint venture with the world's biggest integrated energy company Saudi Aramco, we are a world-leading supplier of synthetic rubber for tires, windshield wipers, door seals, cable sheathing and other applications. This success is based on more than a century's worth of know-how, as the predecessors of ARLANXEO's business units invented rubber synthesis in 1909. As a pioneer in rubber manufacturing, we are further expanding this technological and knowledge advantage.

LANXESS is a leading specialty chemicals company with sales of EUR 7.9 billion in 2015 and about 16,700 employees in 29 countries. The company is currently represented at 55 production sites worldwide. The core business of LANXESS is the development, manufacturing and marketing of chemical intermediates, specialty chemicals and plastics. Through ARLANXEO, the joint venture with Saudi Aramco, LANXESS is also a leading supplier of synthetic rubber. LANXESS is listed in the leading sustainability indices Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI World) and FTSE4Good.

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### Forward-Looking Statements

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