

Press Release

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Brenntag Specialties, Inc., expands distribution agreement with BASF

Brenntag Specialties, Inc., part of the Brenntag Group, the global market leader in chemical distribution, will become the exclusive distributor for BASF's amine curing agents in the Western and Southwestern United States, effective October 15, 2019.

The Baxxodur® amine product line, including Polyetheramin (PEA) and Isophroediamin (IPDA), is composed of prepolymers, curing agents, and chain extenders. They can be used in many applications such as epoxy, polyurethane and polyurea coatings, adhesives, sealants, and flooring.

“We are proud to expand our relationship with BASF. This collaboration provides our customers the convenience of developing and sourcing their entire formula from one source. In addition, customers are fully supported with a dedicated team of industry experts and a broadened product portfolio,” states Ted Davlantes, Vice President, Coatings & Construction, Brenntag North America. “BASF’s Baxxodur® amine curing agent product line is among the world’s most comprehensive. It continues our specialties growth strategy and further solidifies Brenntag’s position as supplier of choice in the coatings and construction market.”

BASF offers a broad portfolio of amine-based curing agents, such as polyether amines, aliphatic and cycloaliphatic amines, and includes over 20 different types of chemistries sold under the Baxxodur® name. This product line allows customers to achieve a wide range of benefits in their formulation, including curing time, hardness, flexibility, peel strength, and temperature resistance.

Baxxodur® products are manufactured in Ludwigshafen, Germany, and Geismar, Louisiana, USA. These curing agents differ in molecular structure, basicity, and in the type and number of their functional groups. This difference helps to control the curing reactions and the properties of the cured thermosets.

About Brenntag:

Brenntag, the global market leader in chemical distribution, covers all major markets with its extensive product and service portfolio. Headquartered in Essen, Germany, the company operates a global network with more than 580 locations in 76 countries and a workforce of more than 16,600 employees. In 2018, the company generated sales of EUR 12.6 billion (USD 14.8 billion). Brenntag connects chemical manufacturers and chemical users. The company supports its customers and suppliers with tailor-made distribution solutions for industrial and specialty chemicals. With more than 10,000 products and a world-class supplier base, Brenntag offers one-stop-shop solutions to around 195,000 customers. This includes specific application technology, an extensive technical support and value-added services such as just-in-time delivery, product mixing, formulation, repackaging, inventory management and drum return handling. Long-standing experience and local excellence in the individual countries characterize the global market leader for chemical distribution.

For more information on Brenntag North America, please visit www.brenntagnorthamerica.com.

About BASF Intermediates:

The BASF Group's Intermediates division develops, produces and markets a comprehensive portfolio of about 700 intermediates around the world. Its most important product groups include amines, diols, polyalcohols, acids and specialties. Intermediates are for example used as starting materials for coatings, plastics, pharmaceuticals, textiles, detergents and crop protectants. Innovative intermediates from BASF help to improve both the properties of final products and the efficiency of production processes. The ISO 9001 certified Intermediates division operates plants at production sites in Europe, Asia and North America. Around the globe the division generated sales to third parties of about €3.1 billion in 2018. BASF Corporation, headquartered in Florham Park, New Jersey, is the North American affiliate of BASF SE, Ludwigshafen, Germany. BASF has more than 20,000 employees in North America and had sales of \$19.7 billion in 2018.

For more information on BASF Intermediates, please visit
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