

News Release

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BASF expands its cooperation with Waterchem, with the production of Irganox® 565 in Japan

- **Plant with a capacity of 600 metric tons p.a.**
- **Ensures reliability and supply security**

Hong Kong – April 3, 2018 – BASF is expanding its cooperation with Waterchem, by commencing the production of Irganox® 565 in Isohara, Japan. With an annual capacity of 600 metric tons, the plant, using BASF technology, will start commercial production in April 2018. Waterchem is already manufacturing Customer Specific Blends (CSBs) for BASF.

“With the successful introduction of Irganox 565, BASF has strengthened its specialty plastic additives business by expanding capacity to meet increasing global demand,” says Hermann Althoff, Senior Vice President, Performance Chemicals Asia Pacific. “The production of Irganox 565 in Japan not only enables us to respond to local market needs, but also enhances our logistical and supply efficiency in providing competitive solutions to our customers globally.”

Irganox 565 is a synthetic organic chemical used as an antioxidant to prevent the degradation of thermoplastic elastomers. It is used as a processing stabilizer in the manufacture of rubber, adhesives and elastomeric products. Compared to conventional antioxidants, it is highly effective in preventing gel formation and discoloration in unsaturated elastomers, even at reduced concentrations. It is also approved in many countries for use in food contact applications.

About BASF Plastic Additives

BASF is a leading supplier, manufacturer and innovation partner of plastic additives. Its comprehensive and innovative product portfolio includes stabilizers which provide ease in processing, heat and light resistance to a variety of polymers and applications including molded articles, films, fibers, sheets and extruded profiles. More information about plastic additives: www.plasticadditives.basf.com.

About BASF

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