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# News Release

## **BASF starts trial production of mononitrobenzene in Chongqing, first precursor plant of integrated MDI complex**

- **Mononitrobenzene plant is one part of RMB 8 billion (approx. €60 million) BASF investment**
- **MDI production will support key industries in China's western areas**

April 29, 2015 – Chongqing, China – BASF has begun trial operations at the mononitrobenzene plant within the integrated 400,000 metric ton methylene diphenyl diisocyanate (MDI) complex in Chongqing, China. Mononitrobenzene is a precursor for the production of MDI.

This MDI site covers an area of more than 50 hectares, including facilities of 400,000 metric tons per year of Mononitrobenzene, 300,000 metric tons per year of aniline, 400,000 metric tons per year of crude MDI, and an MDI splitter with a capacity of 400,000 metric tons per year.

MDI is an important component for polyurethanes – an extremely versatile plastics material that contributes towards improved insulation for appliances and reefer containers, provides lighter and more modern materials for cars, and helps save energy in buildings.

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