

News Release

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BASF resolves New Zealand patent dispute against Sledge 700WG – a saflufenacil-based herbicide

- **Adria New Zealand Limited has removed the product Sledge 700WG from sale in New Zealand**
- **BASF saflufenacil products and innovative formulations assist farmers in controlling difficult to manage weeds**
- **BASF continues to invest in R&D as part of a commitment to sustainable agriculture**

Melbourne, Australia – 10 July 2024 – BASF SE has settled a patent dispute against Adria New Zealand Limited, in relation to the product Sledge 700WG. The parties have resolved the dispute without any admissions of liability, and Adria New Zealand Limited has removed Sledge 700WG from sale in New Zealand.

Saflufenacil is the active ingredient in BASF’s Kixor[®] technology, contained within Sharpen[®] Herbicide and Voraxor[®] Herbicide, amongst other BASF brands globally. Its key applications provide effective solutions against difficult to manage weeds across a range of crop systems worldwide.

“BASF strives to support Australian and New Zealand growers by providing them with cutting edge chemistry and technology,” said Parvana Wali, Head of BASF Agricultural Solutions, Australia and New Zealand.

“In 2023 alone, BASF’s Agricultural Solutions division invested €944 million in R&D, which shows our commitment to farmers and the future of sustainable agriculture. Therefore, we must protect our innovations to the fullest of our capabilities.”

BASF continues to monitor crop protection products around the world, and is prepared to take action, as necessary, to enforce its patent rights and to ensure that only the highest quality ingredients are present in Australia and New Zealand’s top brands and formulations.

For more information about BASF crop protection products, visit crop-solutions.basf.com.au.

About BASF’s Agricultural Solutions division

Everything we do, we do for the love of farming. Farming is fundamental to provide enough healthy and affordable food for a rapidly growing population, while reducing environmental impacts. That’s why we are working with partners and experts to integrate sustainability criteria into all business decisions. With €944 million in 2023, we continue to invest in a strong R&D pipeline, combining innovative thinking with practical action in the field. Our solutions are purpose-designed for different crop systems. Connecting seeds and traits, crop protection products, digital tools and sustainability approaches, to help deliver the best possible outcomes for farmers, growers and our other stakeholders along the value chain. With teams in the lab, field, office and in production, we do everything in our power to build a sustainable future for agriculture. In 2023, our division generated sales of €10.1 billion. For more information, please visit www.agriculture.basf.com or our social media channels.

About BASF in Australia and New Zealand

BASF serves key industries in the agriculture, coatings, manufacturing and mining sectors, and posted sales of about €441 million in Australia and New Zealand in 2023. As of the end of 2023, the company had 370 employees and operated 6 production sites across Agricultural Solutions, performance products and functional materials and solutions. BASF has been active in Australia for over 100 years, and about 60 years in New Zealand. Further information is available on www.basf.com/au.

About BASF

At BASF, we create chemistry for a sustainable future. We combine economic success with environmental protection and social responsibility. Around 112,000 employees in the BASF Group

contribute to the success of our customers in nearly all sectors and almost every country in the world. Our portfolio comprises six segments: Chemicals, Materials, Industrial Solutions, Surface Technologies, Nutrition & Care and Agricultural Solutions. BASF generated sales of €68.9 billion in 2023. BASF shares are traded on the stock exchange in Frankfurt (BAS) and as American Depositary Receipts (BASFY) in the United States. Further information at www.basf.com.