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Showcasing the latest innovative paving technology, join BASF's Performance Materials Team in partnership with Technical Finishes at the 2022 Big 5 Construct Southern Africa Exhibition.

- **Visit BASF at Booth 605, Hall 5 at The Big 5 Construct Southern Africa exhibition taking place from June 07 – 09, 2022 at the Gallagher Convention Centre, Midrand.**
- **BASF's Performance Materials Team will showcase its latest innovations and new concepts on smart paving solutions.**
- **Elastopave® – water-permeable, strong, and ecofriendly**

Johannesburg Gauteng, South Africa, 02 June 2022 – The BASF Performance Materials business division in partnership with Technical Finishes, will participate at the Big 5 Construct Southern Africa exhibition taking place from June 07 – 09, 2022. The exhibition is one of the most influential events for Southern Africa's construction industry.

With an ever-growing population, cities and governments face extreme pressures to ensure city infrastructure not only caters to the needs of the populations, but is also suitably adapted, modern and above all sustainable. "BASF's latest innovative technology, Elstopave®, helps solve these problems. Elstopave® is a polymer composite which is mixed with gravel or stones. The high proportion of stones of various sizes creates more interconnected voids that allows water to percolate more effectively, meaning greater water-permeability compared to a sealed surface". said Sunneal Shah, Sales Team Leader at BASF Performance Materials.

Elastopave® is not only suitable for walkaways and drives ways, but also for many applications where crushed stones or gravel need firm bonding and in urban design such as, park surfaces, sidewalks, indoor stone carpeting and outdoor furniture. It is quick and simple to install and requires only simple, readily available equipment. Public spaces paved with Elastopave® can absorb an estimated 4,000 liters of water per hour per square meter.

“BASF together with Technical Finishes has successfully completed 500m² project at a local primary school, where Elastopave® was installed to transform the playground area of the school. One of the aims of this project was to inspire future leaders, showing them how chemistry benefits the community and how products like Elastopave® provide sustainable paving solutions. With the completion of the project, the children now have a safe, beautiful area to play in”, said Ian Harrison, Managing Director for Technical Finishes.

For more information regarding Elastopave® visit: [Elastopave® \(PU\) \(basf.com\)](https://www.basf.com/en/offerings/products/elastopave)

About BASF'S Performance Materials Division

BASF's Performance Materials division encompasses the entire materials' know-how of BASF regarding innovative, customized plastics under one roof. Globally active in four major industry sectors – transportation, construction, industrial applications, and consumer goods – the division has a strong portfolio of products and services combined with deep understanding of application-oriented system solutions. Key drivers of profitability and growth are our close collaboration with customers and a clear focus on solutions. Strong capabilities in R&D provide the basis to develop innovative products and applications. In 2019, the Performance Materials division achieved global sales of €6.06 bn. More information online: www.plastics.basf.com

About BASF

At BASF, we create chemistry for a sustainable future. We combine economic success with environmental protection and social responsibility. Around 111.000 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 €78.6 billion in 2021. BASF shares are traded on the stock exchange in Frankfurt (BAS) and as American Depositary Receipts (BASFY) in the U.S. Further information at www.basf.com.

About Technical Finishes

Technical Finishes is a proudly South African company specializing in the manufacture of industrial epoxy and polyurethane flooring, construction related products and corrosion protection systems. Our comprehensive product range includes specialist industrial epoxy and polyurethane flooring systems, corrosion protection coatings, wearing and backing compounds used in the mining industry, epoxy adhesives and a wide range of industrial maintenance chemicals.

Technical Finishes provides reliable technology able to withstand and protect against demanding conditions in wide range of industries throughout Africa. The range comprises of thin film coatings through to high performance heavy-duty polyurethane composite floor screeds. Our specialized Polyscreed polyurethane systems are Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) certified for the food and beverage industry and contains silver ion technology to provide resistance to bacterial growth.

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