

## **BASF inaugurates new production site in Singapore to supply farmers in APAC with innovative crop protection solutions**

- **New €40 million site is a key strategic investment for BASF in Singapore, the fourth of the company's production facilities in the republic. The new site will serve as a hub for the region, and support the needs of over 20 million hectares of farmland in Asia Pacific.**
- **Farmers across the region will benefit from more flexible and faster supply of BASF's most innovative and sustainable agriculture solutions.**
- **The Tuas site produces BASF latest innovations solutions based on patented active ingredients Inscalis<sup>®</sup>, and Revysol<sup>®</sup>. It is designed to handle six different liquid formulation technologies and will scale up its operations progressively**

August 23, 2022, Singapore – BASF today inaugurated a new regional production site for its Agricultural Solutions business. The €40 million multipurpose facility has been designed to initially handle six different formulation technologies and will enable BASF to supply crop protection products to farmers across Asia Pacific from a strategic location in the region. The site has initial production capacity of 7,000 kl per year – enough to supply over 20 million hectares of farmland – and employs a staff of over 30 technicians and professionals. The site represents an important investment by BASF in Singapore, which now has four production facilities in the republic.

BASF has recently launched several new innovations in Asia Pacific targeted at helping farmers of key crops – including rice and fruits & vegetables – combat pests and boost yields in a more sustainable manner. These include crop protection products based on the company's new active ingredients Inscalis<sup>®</sup>, and Revysol<sup>®</sup> – patented innovations which help farmers control insects and diseases in crops. Products featuring these two active ingredients – as well as several soon-to-be launched products from the company's innovation pipeline – will be produced at the new site.

BASF has been present in Singapore since 1978, supplying customers from various

industries, including chemicals, construction, electronics, personal care, health and nutrition. The addition of the new Tuas site is a demonstration of the strengthening of its commitment to Singapore and market presence in the region. Singapore's position as a key logistics hub with multiple free trade agreements with most countries in Asia Pacific will ensure that BASF can respond even more effectively to meet the needs of customers and farmers in the region.

From BASF, the site was inaugurated by Simone Barg, Senior Vice President Agricultural Solutions Asia Pacific and Dr. Carola Richter, President Asia Pacific (excl. China). They were joined by Ow Kai Onn, Vice President & Head of Chemicals & Materials from the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB) and Loh Yew Pong, Deputy Director Energy & Chemicals Cluster, Jurong Town Corporation (JTC).

Speaking at the inauguration, Kai Onn shared how EDB and other Singapore government agencies are working together with companies like BASF to foster the growth of the agricultural sector for the benefit of both Singapore and the entire region. "EDB is delighted to be at the inauguration of BASF's new Agricultural Solutions regional production site. Through job roles such as process technicians, engineers, production planners and quality assurance chemists, this facility gives Singaporeans and residents opportunities to participate in the global agri-food value chain and contribute to safe, nutritious and affordable crops in our region.

This facility was constructed under a challenging environment in the midst of a global pandemic. Its successful unveiling today reflects Singapore's commitment to being a stable investment destination, a reliable manufacturing hub for specialty chemicals and a strategic location for companies to build a more responsive and resilient supply chain for their customers in Asia."

Dr. Carola Richter added: "The site inauguration today represents another important step in our ongoing commitment to our customers and partners in Asia Pacific. Agricultural Solutions is a key part of BASF's business globally and also here in the region. With the cooperation of partners and stakeholders including EDB and JTC, we have been able to realize our ambition to have more 'made in Asia' products available for our customers. This

enables us to more quickly and efficiently respond to the needs of farmers in the region.”

Simone Barg shared that the new production site has been a significant achievement by the team, which further strengthens BASF’s ongoing commitment to supporting more sustainable agriculture. “With our new Tuas site, we will be able to more effectively help farmers in Asia Pacific improve the productivity and sustainability of their farms. We are very optimistic about the future of agriculture in the region, and the potential for Singapore to help serve as a hub for Asia Pacific. Today’s site inauguration is a major achievement by the team here, they have delivered this project both safely and on time – with more than 700,000 safe manhours reached. This is a significant success – especially with the challenges created by COVID-19 – and we can’t wait to get started with our first deliveries of our innovative, sustainable crop protection solutions. BASF is committed to Asia Pacific and to supporting farming, the biggest job on earth.”

#### **About BASF’s Agricultural Solutions division**

Farming is fundamental to provide enough healthy and affordable food for a rapidly growing population while reducing environmental impacts. Working with partners and agricultural experts and by integrating sustainability criteria into all business decisions, we help farmers to create a positive impact on sustainable agriculture. That’s why we invest in a strong R&D pipeline, connecting innovative thinking with practical action in the field. Our portfolio comprises seeds and specifically selected plant traits, chemical and biological crop protection, solutions for soil management, plant health, pest control and digital farming. With expert teams in the lab, field, office and in production, we strive to find the right balance for success – for farmers, agriculture and future generations. In 2021, our division generated sales of €8.2 billion. For more information, please visit [www.agriculture.basf.com](http://www.agriculture.basf.com) or any of our social media channels.

#### **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](http://www.basf.com).