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## **Desmond Long appointed as CEO for BASF Shanshan Battery Materials Co., Ltd.**

Desmond Long has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer to lead BASF Shanshan Battery Materials Co., Ltd effective April 1, 2024. In his new role, Desmond will lead the business management of the company.

“BASF Shanshan Battery Materials has established a strong position in the lithium-ion battery materials market as a reliable supplier to our customers, and is poised to further expand our success in the field of battery materials,” said Desmond Long. “We are committed to continue the journey of innovative, high-quality and low-carbon footprint products and work tirelessly to further create value for our customers and partners.”

BASF Shanshan Battery Materials is a joint venture formed by BASF and Shanshan in 2021 and is majority owned by BASF. It has four sites in Hunan and Ningxia, China, with more than 1,400 employees. BASF Shanshan Battery Materials has a strong position in the battery materials value chain, especially in China.

Desmond Long, the new CEO of BASF Shanshan Battery Materials, has over 25 years of professional experiences in International Business Management, Sales Management, Supply Chain Management, Key Account Management and Product Marketing in various Asian countries, including China. He has extensive experience in the engineering plastics and performance materials markets especially for automotive, consumer electronics and construction industries. Desmond Long holds a Bachelor Honours Degree in Business Administration (International Business).

### **About BASF Shanshan Battery Materials Co., Ltd.**

BASF Shanshan Battery Materials Co., Ltd. (BASF Shanshan) is a BASF-majority owned joint venture formed by BASF and Shanshan in 2021 (BASF 51% and Shanshan 49%). The company was established in 2003 and has become a leading lithium-ion battery materials supplier. With the expansions in Changsha, Hunan Province, and Shizuishan, Ningxia Province, BASF Shanshan has reached an annual capacity of about 100 kt of cathode active materials (CAM) to meet the fast-growing demand of the electric vehicle industry as well as of the consumer electronic industry and energy storage segment. BASF Shanshan focuses on the R&D, production, and sales of CAM supported by activities in PCAM, metal processing and refining as well as battery recycling with closed-loop solutions. The company has thus established a strong position in the lithium-ion battery materials value chain in China as a reliable supplier to its customers and an attractive partner along the lithium-ion battery value chain.

### **About BASF Battery Materials**

BASF is a leading global supplier of advanced cathode active materials (CAM) for the lithium-ion batteries market, providing high-performance CAM to the world's largest cell producers and for leading OEM platforms. We complement our portfolio with base metals sourcing and management, as well as various battery recycling solutions, including closed loop offerings. By leveraging our industry-leading R&D platforms and passion for innovation, BASF Battery Materials develops unique, proprietary solutions that drive customer success. Further information is available on the internet at [www.catalysts.basf.com](http://www.catalysts.basf.com).

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