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# Clariant to establish catalyst Research & Development center in China

- New R&D center will develop catalytic technologies tailored to Chinese market requirements
- Focus first on coal-to-chemicals and specialty applications
- New laboratory enhances technical service to Chinese customers

**Muttenz, June 25, 2014** – Clariant, a world leader in specialty chemicals, announced today that its Business Unit Catalysts will establish a state-of-the-art research center in Shanghai, China. The R&D center is expected to begin operation by 2015 with the goal of developing catalytic solutions tailored to Chinese market requirements and enhancing technical service support to Chinese customers.

The new catalyst R&D center in Shanghai will further strengthen Clariant's technology portfolio and service offerings for coal-to-chemicals applications and provide a complete range of solutions for the market. Clariant has already established an excellent technology position on catalysts for coal-to-chemicals applications through decades of R&D efforts and collaboration with its process technology partners. For example, the world's first two coal-to-propylene complexes started up with Clariant's Methanol to Propylene (MTPROP) and methanol synthesis catalysts. Clariant has been serving the Chinese market through locally produced coal-to-methanol catalysts since 2011. Clariant is also one of the leading suppliers of catalysts for coal-to-ammonia conversion.

The China R&D center will also develop new catalysts for selected base metal hydrogenation applications for the fast growing specialty chemicals industry in China. Besides R&D and technical service, the center will provide support to Clariant's catalysts production sites in China.

Stefan Heuser, Senior Vice President & General Manager BU Catalysts, stated: "The decision to create a major catalysts R&D center in Shanghai reflects our dedication to the market. By delivering enhanced products and services that answer our customers' needs, we aim to strengthen our partnerships and presence in the region."













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