

News Release



BASF aims to open first plant in Myanmar to meet local demand for construction chemicals

■ **Concrete admixtures from Master Builders Solutions® range support growth of local construction industry**

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– BASF is planning its first manufacturing plant in Myanmar in 2017. Subject to Myanmar regulatory approvals, the plant to be located in Myanmar's commercial capital, Yangon, will be designed to produce tailor-made construction chemical solutions for the local building market from BASF's Master Builders Solutions portfolio.

BASF opened its service office in Yangon in September 2015. Through local Myanmar distributors, BASF has been offering solutions to Myanmar customers for the past ten years, including concrete admixtures, construction systems and mining chemicals.

“As Myanmar's construction industry grows more sophisticated in its scope, which includes high-rise buildings, roadways and bridges, the requirement for high-quality technical and construction chemical solutions will increase. BASF has a successful track record in supporting major building and infrastructure projects in Myanmar such as Thilawa Special Economic Zone, Yeywa hydropower dam, Myingyan steel mill, and others. We can draw on our decades of experience in the region and around the world to support Myanmar's development in this important sector,” said Christian Mombaur, head of the BASF Construction Chemicals division's regional unit in Asia.

BASF provides emerging markets such as Myanmar with market-ready results from its global research and development network.

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About the Construction Chemicals division

BASF's Construction Chemicals division offers advanced chemicals solutions for new construction, maintenance, repair and renovation of structures: Our comprehensive portfolio encompasses concrete admixtures, cement additives, chemical solutions for underground construction, waterproofing systems, sealants, concrete repair & protection systems, performance grouts, performance flooring systems, tile fixing systems, expansion control systems and wood protection solutions.

The Construction Chemicals division's about 5,500 employees form a global community of construction experts. To solve our customers' specific construction challenges from conception through to completion of a project, we combine our know-how across areas of expertise and regions and draw on the experience gained in countless construction projects worldwide. We leverage global BASF technologies, as well as our in-depth knowledge of local building needs, to develop innovations that help make our customers more successful and drive sustainable construction.

The division operates production sites and sales centers in more than 50 countries and achieved sales of about €2.3 billion in 2015.

About BASF

At BASF, we create chemistry for a sustainable future. We combine economic success with environmental protection and social responsibility. The approximately 112,000 employees in the BASF Group work on contributing to the success of our customers in nearly all sectors and almost every country in the world. Our portfolio is organized into five segments: Chemicals, Performance Products, Functional Materials & Solutions, Agricultural Solutions and Oil & Gas. BASF generated sales of more than €70 billion in 2015. BASF shares are traded on the stock exchanges in Frankfurt (BAS), London (BFA) and Zurich (BAS). Further information at www.basf.com.