

### LANXESS Announces Plan to Acquire Chemtura

- **A major global additives business to emerge through the acquisition**
- **LANXESS significantly expands footprint in North America**
- **US-Group Chemtura with sales of approximately EUR 1.5 billion and EBITDA pre exceptionals of approximately EUR 245 million in the last four quarters**
- **Expected annual synergies of EUR 100 million by 2020**
- **EV/EBITDA multiple of 7x (including synergies)**
- **Significant step towards creating 'new' LANXESS**

**Cologne, Germany** – LANXESS (FRA: LXS) reaches the next milestone on its growth path: The specialty chemicals company announced plans to acquire US-based Chemtura Corporation (NYSE: CHMT), one of the major global providers of high-quality flame retardant and lubricant additives. With the largest acquisition in its history, LANXESS is building on its own additives portfolio and will become one of the world's major actors in this growing market.

The companies have signed a definitive acquisition agreement. Under the terms of the agreement, Chemtura shareholders will receive USD 33.50 per share in cash for each outstanding share of common stock held, which represents a 18.9% premium to the stock's closing share price of USD 28.18 on September 23, 2016. The transaction with an enterprise value of approximately EUR 2.4 billion will be financed by LANXESS mainly through senior and hybrid bonds, as well as from existing liquidity. The transaction, which is expected to close around mid-2017, is subject to approval by Chemtura shareholders, required regulatory approvals and certain other customary closing conditions.

Headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Chemtura has 20 sites in 11 countries and approximately 2,500 employees worldwide. The company reported sales of around EUR 1.5 billion in the last four quarters with EBITDA pre exceptionals of approximately EUR 245

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million (EBITDA margin of approx. 16%). Approximately 45% of Chemtura's revenue is generated in North America. In addition to additives, Chemtura's portfolio includes urethanes and organometallics.

"With this acquisition, we are forming a champion in the field of additives and are strengthening our already profitable portfolio," said Matthias Zachert, Chairman of the Board of Management of LANXESS AG. "Through the acquisition, we are further implementing our strategy to become a more resilient and profitable chemical company. We are significantly building on our competitive positioning in medium-sized markets and increasing our presence in North America. LANXESS is taking a next and major step forward on its growth path."

"The transaction provides premium value to our shareholders and benefits our customers and employees by making Chemtura part of a much larger, stronger global enterprise with the resources to fully support a more diverse suite of specialty chemicals products and services," said Craig A. Rogerson, President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Chemtura.

For LANXESS, the acquisition of Chemtura will be accretive to earnings per share (EPS) in the first fiscal year, with annual synergies of approximately EUR 100 million expected by 2020. LANXESS is paying an EV/EBITDA multiple of approximately 7x including synergies for this transaction, meeting its target of 7-9x for acquisitions including synergies.

### **LANXESS strengthens profitable business with flame retardant and lubricant additives**

Chemtura's two additive segments form the main pillars of the company's business. Both will, together with LANXESS' Rhein Chemie Additives business unit (ADD), form the new Performance Additives segment after the closing of the transaction. ADD already

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offers a wide range of specialty additives and service products for the plastics, rubber, lubricants and colorants production, and employs around 1,600 employees worldwide at more than 20 locations.

“Additives is a very attractive business field in specialty chemicals. In addition to their relatively low capital intensity, they require strong expertise and enable customized solutions. In this area, both Chemtura and LANXESS have long-standing expertise,” said Anno Borkowsky, head of the LANXESS business unit Rhein Chemie Additives.

The first pillar of Chemtura’s additives business includes lubricant additives and synthetic lubricants for industrial applications, such as in power generation and aviation. “Chemtura holds a competitive position in industrial lubricant additives. Moreover, Chemtura manufactures the necessary precursors and intermediates. Combined with our own additives portfolio, we will be a major supplier for industrial lubricants and will further strengthen our competitiveness through our integrated value chain,” explained Borkowsky. LANXESS expects the industrial lubricant additives market to grow at an annual rate of three to four percent in the medium term, primarily driven by steadily increasing requirements with respect to the performance and environmental sustainability of lubricants.

The second pillar is mainly comprised of the brominated flame retardant additives, elemental bromine and further bromine derivatives businesses. Brominated flame retardant additives are used because of their high effectiveness, especially in the construction industry for insulation and in the electronics industry. Chemtura is a major supplier of bromine and brominated products and is well positioned due to its backward integration. “Flame retardant requirements continue to rise mainly due to the trend for energy-efficient construction,” said Borkowsky, adding: “With this acquisition, we will become a major global supplier of high performance flame retardant additives. In the future, we can offer our customers brominated and phosphorous-based products from one

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source.” Rhein Chemie Additives already has a competitive position in the phosphorous-based flame retardants business and features a backward integrated value chain. LANXESS also expects medium-term growth rates of three to four percent per year in the field of flame-retardant additives.

### **New business fields for LANXESS: Urethane and Organometallics**

Chemtura’s urethane business is a major provider for hot-cast prepolymers and for special, aqueous urethane dispersions and polyester polyols. These are components for special polyurethanes, which are used mainly in the construction, mining, oil/gas, sports and electronics industries. For example, rollers for conveyor belts and roller skates are manufactured from these polyurethanes. The urethanes business will be integrated into LANXESS’ High Performance Materials segment, in which the high-tech plastics business is anchored.

Chemtura is counted among the major companies worldwide in organometallics. Organometallics are chemical compounds that are used, among other things, as catalysts in polymer production and for synthesis of fine chemicals and pharmaceuticals. This business will in the future be part of LANXESS’ Advanced Industrial Intermediates business unit.

Please note: All financials based on exchange rate of 1.10 USD/EUR. All references to EBITDA are pre exceptionals.

LANXESS is a leading specialty chemicals company with sales of EUR 7.9 billion in 2015 and about 16,700 employees in 29 countries. The company is currently represented at 55 production sites worldwide. The core business of LANXESS is the development, manufacturing and marketing of chemical intermediates, specialty chemicals and plastics. Through ARLANXEO, the joint venture with Saudi Aramco, LANXESS is also a leading supplier of synthetic rubber. LANXESS is listed in the leading sustainability indices Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI World) and FTSE4Good.

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