

News Release



Mark Volmer appointed as new head of BASF Construction Chemicals Asia Pacific

Shanghai, CHINA, June 30, 2008 – Effective July 1, 2008, Mark Volmer will become the head of BASF Construction Chemicals Asia Pacific Business Unit who is based in Shanghai.

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In this position, Volmer will assume the responsibility for setting the regional direction to further expand the business. The region is expected to be a key contributor to the sustainable growth in the global BASF's Construction Chemicals business.

The regional business unit Construction Chemicals Asia Pacific serves various markets across Japan, Greater China, Pacific (Australia / New Zealand), South Asia, ASEAN, and Korea. BASF is the market leader in the construction chemicals market in Asia Pacific with more than 50 production sites and approximately 1,500 employees in the region. As a customized solution provider, BASF supplies a full range of construction chemicals from admixture systems for concrete, and cement additives and performance flooring products, building systems to its customers in the construction industry.

Volmer was born in the Netherlands in 1964 and holds degrees in physical chemistry and business administration. He joined BASF in 1990 and since then, he worked across disciplines in both Germany and Hong Kong.

During his professional career, he held several positions in marketing, sales and new business development for BASF's Intermediates Division. As of March 2000, Volmer was promoted to Director, Procurement Asia Pacific based in Hong Kong before assuming his current responsibilities in 2005 as Group Vice President, responsible for the Business Unit Acids & Specialty Intermediates Europe, based in Germany.

About BASF's Construction Chemicals Division

BASF's Construction Chemicals division is the leading supplier of chemical systems and formulations for the construction industry. Continuous innovation and tailor-made solutions ensure its customers are more successful. Its Admixture Systems strategic business unit specifically helps customers in the ready-mix, pre-cast and manufactured concrete and underground construction industries. The Construction Systems strategic business unit offers a wide range of products for sports and industrial flooring, external renders and wall insulation, expansion joints and wood preservatives, as well as specialist repair mortars, tile adhesives and waterproofing membranes. The division operates production sites and sales centers in more than 50 countries and regions and achieved sales of €2.1 billion with approximately 7,100 employees in 2007. For further information, please visit www.ap.cc.basf.com

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