

# News Release



## **David Hawkins appointed new Chairman and Managing Director for BASF Australia and New Zealand**

Melbourne, Australia – April 28, 2016 – David Hawkins has been appointed as the new Australia and New Zealand Chairman and Managing Director for BASF. Currently Head of Corporate Functions, BASF Australia and New Zealand, David will assume the new role effective July 1, 2016. He succeeds Ross Pilling, who will retire after eight years in the role and 17 years with BASF.

David brings nearly 25 years of professional experience in manufacturing management, strategy, business re-engineering, systems design and implementation. He joined BASF in 1999 and has held several senior executive positions across Finance, Tax, Supply Chain, Human Resources, Procurement, Real Estate and Information Management.

David is a graduate of Monash University with bachelor degrees in Chemical Engineering and Science (Applied Mathematics). He holds a Master of Business Administration from Deakin University and is a graduate member of the Australia Institute of Company Directors.

### **About BASF Australia and New Zealand**

BASF posted sales of about €428 million in Australia and New Zealand in 2015, serving key industries in the agriculture, coatings, construction, manufacturing and mining sectors. As of the end of 2015, the company had 442 employees and operated 11 production sites across the sub-region, manufacturing agricultural solutions, performance products and functional materials & solutions. BASF has been active in Australia for more than 90 years, and for about 60 years in New Zealand. Further information is available on the Internet at [www.basf.com.au](http://www.basf.com.au).

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## **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 (AN). Further information at [www.basf.com](http://www.basf.com).