

Integration of R-M sales in France

BASF Coatings takes over R-M sales activities of DERIS and Château-Arnoux Peinture

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Münster. BASF Coatings Services S.A.R.L. is taking over major parts of Michel DERIS S.A.S. in Sault-les-Rethel, France. BASF Coatings S.A.S. is acquiring Château-Arnoux Peinture S.A.S. in Château-Arnoux, France. Michel DERIS 's and Château-Arnoux Peinture's sales activities with regard to automotive refinish paints and non-paint products will be integrated into BASF Coatings Services S.A.R.L., France.

The companies have not provided information on the purchase price.

Michel DERIS and Château-Arnoux Peinture had already sold R-M paint products and services of BASF Coatings S.A.S., Clermont (France) from its 3 sites in Sault-les-Rethel, Gauchy and La Chapelle Saint Luc. (Michel DERIS) and in Château-Arnoux (Château-Arnoux Peinture). In the future, business relations with the R-M brand end customers will be managed and developed by BASF Coatings Services S.A.R.L. with the help of the 14 employees of Michel DERIS and with the help of the 11 employees of Château-Arnoux Peinture who were taken over.

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