

News Release



BASF to increase production capacity for tertiary Butylamine plant in Nanjing, China

- **Boosts production efficiency to meet increasing demand of tire additives in China and Asia Pacific**
- **Strengthens BASF's global leading position in tertiary Butylamine**

Shanghai, China – October 28, 2014 – BASF will expand the production capacity of its existing world-scale production plant for tertiary Butylamine (tBA) at the Nanjing Chemical Industry Park in China. The company plans to increase the existing production capacity by 60 percent, from 10,000 tons to 16,000 tons per year. The expansion is expected to come on stream in early 2015, subject to regulatory approval. The capacity increase will further strengthen BASF's leading position as a global supplier to the rubber and tire industry.

"The expansion will enable us to continue meeting the notably increased demand of our customers in Asia especially China reliably out of our local assets in China," said Dr. Guido Voit, Senior Vice President, BASF Intermediates Asia Pacific. "We are proud to support the growth of our customers as their reliable local supplier with our commitment in product stewardship and high safety standards."

tBA is a primary aliphatic amine that is used as an intermediate for the production of accelerators for the rubber and tire industry. It is also used in the pharmaceutical and agricultural industries as a building block. In addition to the plant in Nanjing, BASF produces tBA in Geismar, Louisiana, and in Antwerp, Belgium.

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