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BASF expands FairWild-certified portfolio with Cegesoft® SB 45 TR

- **Independent certification confirms compliance with rigorous ecological, socio-cultural and business requirements for wild-collected natural resources**
- **Naturally derived shea butter emollient provides a soft skin feel and long-lasting moisturization for personal care applications**

Monheim am Rhein, Germany – November 12, 2026 – BASF has received FairWild certification for Cegesoft® SB 45 TR, further strengthening responsible sourcing and supply chain transparency for its naturally derived emollient based on shea butter.

The certification, awarded following an independent third-party audit, confirms compliance with the FairWild standard, which is designed specifically for wild-collected plant ingredients. It is structured around seven principles covering environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and responsible business practices. For shea sourcing, requirements under the standard range from supporting the long-term regeneration of shea parklands and mitigating environmental risks to ensuring legal, traceable sourcing and product integrity throughout the supply chain. They also include measures to protect the rights, health, and safety of women collectors, promote fair and transparent income arrangements, and contribute to local community benefits.

“The strong interest we see from customers confirms that brands are increasingly looking for credible sustainability claims backed by independent standards,” said

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Olga Zagirova, Global Sustainability Manager, BASF Care Chemicals. “FairWild certification confirms that environmental protection, traceability and fair practices for collecting communities are embedded throughout the sourcing process, helping our customers meet growing consumer expectations for transparency and responsibility.”

Cegesoft SB 45 TR provides caring properties for a wide range of cosmetic formulations. The special lipid fraction of natural shea butter offers a soft and smooth skin feel and long-term moisturization, and has been dermatologically tested for skin tolerance.

The certification makes Cegesoft SB 45 TR the second BASF Personal Care ingredient to achieve FairWild certification, following Oximony®, an extract of FairWild-certified *Lysimachia christinae* that supports skin longevity.

About the Care Chemicals division at BASF

The BASF division Care Chemicals offers a broad range of ingredients for personal care, home care, industrial & institutional cleaning, and technical applications. We are a leading global supplier for the cosmetics industry as well as the detergents and cleaners industry, and support our customers with innovative and sustainable products, solutions and concepts. The division’s high-performance product portfolio includes surfactants, emulsifiers, polymers, emollients, chelating agents, cosmetic active ingredients and UV filters. We have production and development sites in all regions and are expanding our presence in emerging markets. Further information is available online at www.care-chemicals.basf.com.

About BASF

At BASF, we create chemistry for a sustainable future. Our ambition: We want to be the preferred chemical company to enable our customers’ green transformation. We combine economic success with environmental protection and social responsibility. Around 95,000 employees in the BASF Group contribute to the success of our customers in nearly all sectors and almost every country in the world. Our portfolio comprises, as core businesses, the segments Chemicals, Materials, Industrial Solutions, and Nutrition & Care; our standalone businesses are bundled in the segments Surface Technologies and Agricultural Solutions. BASF generated sales of around €60 billion in 2025. BASF shares are traded on the stock exchange in Frankfurt (BAS) and as American Depositary Receipts (BASFY) in the United States. Further information at www.basf.com.