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Chemetall strengthens footprint in Asia Pacific with new application laboratory in Vietnam

- **Chemetall launches first application laboratory for surface treatment in Vietnam**
- **Strategic investment enhances technical capabilities to better meet the evolving needs of customers in Southeast Asia**

Chemetall, the surface treatment global business unit of BASF Coatings, has opened its first application laboratory in the southern province of Tây Ninh (formerly Long An), near Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The facility provides product testing and technical support to surface treatment customers across diverse market segments such as automotive OEM and components, general industry, and plastics recycling.

"Speed is a key competitive advantage in Southeast Asia's fast-changing market. By investing in local technical capabilities, we add value for our customers and are strategically positioned to address the increasing complexity and evolving needs of strong growth markets like Vietnam with greater speed and agility. Chemetall is committed to delivering innovative surface treatment technologies and providing expert technical services to support our customers' success in this dynamic region," said Evelyn Shen, Vice President, Chemetall Asia Pacific.

The new laboratory is equipped to conduct liquid sample analytics, panel and workpiece analytics, and application testing for surface treatment technical trials. Its capabilities streamline the testing and performance validation processes, ensuring that surface treatments applied to materials meet rigorous customer specifications and perform effectively in real-world applications.

"With our advanced technical capabilities and expertise closer to our customers and partners, we enhance collaboration, shorten trial-to-result turnaround time, and provide efficient local support to solve our customers' technical challenges," added Mike He, Regional Manager, Application Technologies, Chemetall Asia Pacific.

The launch of the new application laboratory in Vietnam further extends Chemetall's regional footprint, bringing the total number of application laboratories in Asia Pacific to eight, including operations in Australia, China, India, Singapore and Thailand.

About BASF's Coatings division

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