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BASF Coatings renews its exclusive Global Industry Partnership agreement with WorldSkills International

- **WorldSkills helps to promote worldwide vocational education and training**
- **BASF Coatings is the exclusive Global Industry Partner for the car painting skills category**
- **Ready to sponsor WorldSkills Shanghai 2026 with Glasurit®**

BASF Coatings steps up its efforts to drive transformational change in the automotive refinish industry by continuing its mission to support young car painters worldwide. With its premium paint brand Glasurit, BASF continues to be the exclusive Global Industry Partner to WorldSkills International in the car painting skills category.

“We are proud to continue to support the young talent taking part in WorldSkills to develop their skills and also attract new talent to the exciting automotive refinish industry. Our Global Industry Partnership further helps to strengthen the community’s mindset to collaborate for a more sustainable future and work together to raise the bar for developing young talent in the industry,” said Chris Titmarsh, Senior Vice President, Global Automotive Refinish Coatings at BASF.

After the successful introduction at WorldSkills Lyon 2024, Glasurit will continue to leverage its most advanced waterborne basecoat system 100 Line which is backed with outstanding proven benchmark results as the world's leading waterborne refinish paint system for outstanding performance in process time, consumption, and sustainability. Furthermore, participants will learn to integrate Refinity in their

daily work routine, an exclusive digital platform for color, training and business solutions.

The world's largest skills competition, WorldSkills Shanghai 2026, will take place on September 22-27, 2026, in Shanghai, China. "Around the world, every day, WorldSkills Members are developing the ambitions and talent of skilled talent to solve the most pressing issues of our times. BASF Coatings' leadership provides our young talents with access to the industry's best resources and equipment to ensure they can shine on the global stage," said David Hoey, CEO WorldSkills International.

About BASF Coatings

The Coatings division of BASF is a global expert in the development, production and marketing of innovative and sustainable automotive OEM and refinish coatings, decorative paints as well as applied surface treatments for metal, plastic and glass substrates in a wide range of industries. We create advanced performance solutions and drive performance, design and new applications to meet our partners' needs all over the world. BASF shares skills, knowledge and resources of interdisciplinary and global teams for the benefit of customers by operating a collaborative network of sites in Europe, North America, South America and Asia Pacific. In 2024, the Coatings division achieved global sales of about €4.3 billion.

Solutions beyond your imagination – Coatings by BASF. For more information about BASF Coatings and its products, visit www.basf-coatings.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 112,000 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 €65.3 billion in 2024. 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.