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BASF celebrates opening of new production line in Heerenveen, the Netherlands

- **Strategic products with a sustainable focus**
- **Production capacity grows without additional CO₂ emissions**
- **Green electricity from wind farm Hollandse Kust Zuid joint venture**

Ludwigshafen, November 4th 2024 - BASF recently officially opened its new production line for water-based dispersions in Heerenveen, the Netherlands. Thanks to this new line, production capacity will be increased, without additional CO₂ emissions. The expansion has taken place on the basis of the existing infrastructure and buildings. The installation will be electrically powered and supplied with green electricity from the Hollandse Kust Zuid wind farm, which BASF operates in a joint venture with Vattenfall and Allianz.

Expansion without additional CO₂ emissions

“I am proud that we have achieved this expansion without additional CO₂ emissions. Our site aims to become CO₂ neutral and to contribute to BASF’s climate protection targets. At the same time, we want to continue to grow to serve our customers with products with a low ecological footprint,” says Sjoerd Visser, Site Manager of BASF’s Heerenveen site.

From plastic to paper and from solvents to water

The coatings, printing and packaging market, which BASF serves with its products, is undergoing a major transition. There is an increasing consumer demand for sustainable solutions. Sjoerd Visser adds: “The expansion will enable us to grow

with strategically important products to enable a shift in the value chain from plastic to paper-based packaging and with our water-based products to give them a functional property such as barrier properties. In addition, we will have the opportunity to increase the amount of bio-based products in our portfolio in the printing and packaging industry, as well as in the coatings market.”

Water-based dispersions

The new line will significantly increase production capacity of the products Joncryl® and Acronal Pro®, for example. Joncryl®, a water-based (and therefore environmentally and food-safe) polymer product is used in sustainable inks for food packaging. The color is retained longer and is less harmful to the environment. Acronal Pro® water-based polymers offer high-quality and durable solutions to optimize the color and gloss of paints and varnishes.

The Heerenveen site is ideally suited for this investment thanks to its existing infrastructure and expertise. Sjoerd Visser concludes: “These are tough times for our industry in Europe as we are facing the challenges of climate neutrality, circularity, digitalization and the implementation of the EU’s Chemical Strategy for Sustainability. With our innovation team here in Heerenveen, we are committed to tackling these issues. We want to remain an important player in Europe for our customers.”

BASF’s Dispersions & Resins division

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