

## Integration of R-M sales in Norway

### **BASF Coatings takes over R-M sales activities of Billakksenteret AS**

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**Münster.** BASF Coatings Services AB is taking over major parts of Billakksenteret AS in Lierstranda, Norway. Billakksenteret AS sales activities with regard to automotive refinish paints and non-paint products will be integrated into BASF Coatings Services AB, Sweden.

The two companies have not provided information on the purchase price.

Billakksenteret AS had already sold R-M paint products and services of BASF Coatings S.A.S., Clermont (France) from its site in Lierstranda. In the future, business relations with the R-M brand end customers will be managed and developed by BASF Coatings Services AB, through its subsidiary in Asker, Norway, and with the help of the two employees of Billakksenteret AS who were taken over.

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