

News Release



BASF launches FCC catalysts testing and research laboratory in Heidelberg, Germany

Ludwigshafen, Germany December 2, 2014 – BASF's Refining Catalysts business today launched a new fluid catalytic cracking (FCC) catalysts testing and research laboratory at the hte GmbH (hte) site in Heidelberg, Germany. hte is a wholly owned subsidiary of BASF SE and a leading provider of high throughput technology and services for enhancing research and development productivity.

The new laboratory will provide physical and chemical analyses and characterizations of hydrocarbons and FCC catalysts, fine particles and slurries. It will also develop advanced refining catalysts test methods, complementing BASF's existing FCC catalysts laboratory in Iselin, New Jersey, USA.

"Through this expansion of our FCC catalysts research activities, we are focused on developing world-class testing methodologies and providing significantly improved turnaround times for the analytical services we provide our customers in the Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) region," said Detlef Ruff, Senior Vice President, Process Catalysts & Technologies for BASF.

About BASF's Catalysts Division

BASF's Catalysts division is the world's leading supplier of environmental and process catalysts. The group offers exceptional expertise in the development of technologies that protect the air we breathe, produce the fuels that power our world and ensure efficient production of a wide variety of chemicals, plastics and other products, including advanced battery materials. By leveraging our industry-leading R&D platforms, passion for innovation and deep knowledge of precious

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and base metals, BASF's Catalysts division develops unique, proprietary solutions that drive customer success. Further information on BASF's Catalysts division is available on the Internet at www.catalysts.basf.com.

About BASF

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