



Joint Press Release

BASF and Grolman collaborate in Europe

- **Marketing of Baxxodur curing agents for use in epoxy resin systems**
- **Used in floor coatings, corrosion protection varnish and composite materials**

April 17, 2015 – Effective immediately, BASF and Neuss/Germany-based Gustav Grolman GmbH & Co. KG will start an exclusive collaboration in the marketing of amine-based curing agents of the Baxxodur® brand in Europe. Grolman will initially market the BASF specialty chemicals for the countries of Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Ireland and Great Britain, specifically for use in epoxy resin based applications. Examples are thermosetting laminates, highly resistant floor coatings, corrosion protection varnish and composite materials. The products are used in the construction industry as well as in the automotive, marine, aerospace and industrial applications manufacturing.

“The partnership fits very well into our Baxxodur sales & distribution strategy. Grolman has a diversified know-how in application technology and a technically well-versed sales force. As one of Europe's largest distributors of specialty chemicals, Grolman also has the right structure and market acceptance to serve customers efficiently,” says Dr. Oliver Cullmann, Vice President Business Management Specialty Amines in BASF's Intermediates division.

“The high-quality curing agent components made by BASF supplement to a great extent our product range of resins, accelerators, flame retardants, fiber and filler wetting agents not only for the thermosetting industry, but also allows us to keep expanding our strong

position in the coating industry,” says Dirk Grolman, Managing Director and owner of Grolman GmbH & Co. KG.

Under the brand name Baxxodur, BASF markets a diversified spectrum of amine-based curing components for the professional processing of epoxy resins. In addition, the BASF product range also comprises various systems of epoxy resins and curing agents.

About Gustav Grolman GmbH & Co. KG

The Grolman Gruppe markets special chemical products of well-known international producers. A wide network of warehouses close to the customers ensures efficient distribution of additives, fillers, dyes and adhesives. A highly qualified office and sales staff serves customers in the dye and coating, adhesive, sealing compound, printing ink, rubber, plastic, pharmaceutical, cosmetic and paper industries.

About BASF

BASF stands for chemistry that binds – for the last 150 years. Our portfolio ranges from chemicals, plastics, performance products and plant protection products all the way to oil and gas. As the world's leading chemical company, we bind business success with environmental protection and social responsibility. With research and innovation, we support our customers in almost all sectors to satisfy the needs of society today and in the future. Our products and solutions help to protect resources, secure food and improve quality of life. We have summarized BASF's contribution in our corporate purpose: We create chemistry for a sustainable future. In 2014, BASF achieved sales of over 74 billion euros and at the end of the year employed about 113,000 people. BASF is listed in the stock markets of Frankfurt (BAS), London (BFA) and Zurich (AN). For more information about BASF on the Internet, visit www.basf.com.

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