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# News Release

## **BASF resumes the marketing of polystyrene**

- **Longest experience of industrial production of polystyrene**
- **Cost-efficient production by Verbund in Ludwigshafen**
- **Focus on streamlined GPPS product range**

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BASF SE will be offering its customers in Europe GPPS (general purpose polystyrene) from its production facility in Ludwigshafen.

As well as utilizing it for its own needs – polystyrene is used for example for manufacturing Neopor® and Styrodur® – a sufficient quantity is now available following the expiry of contractual obligations for it to be supplied to customers. “BASF was the first company to begin industrial manufacturing of polystyrene. This wealth of experience guarantees that we will be a reliable partner to our customers,” says Giorgio Greening, head of BASF’s global styrene foams business unit.

The range is focused on the well-known crystal-clear products polystyrene GPPS 158K and GPPS 168N. This means that, as well as the proven and very good processing properties, BASF is also able to guarantee a high level of reliability and quality consistency.

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**About polystyrene**

The plastic polystyrene (PS) is a standard plastic from BASF's styrene plastics range. It is used in the packaging industry, for the internal lining of refrigerators, and as a casing material for numerous domestic and office products. Within BASF, polystyrene is processed further to create insulation products: these include the green foam panels Styrodur® (XPS: extruded polystyrene) and the extrusion-based foam precursors Neopor® and Styropor® (EPS: expandable polystyrene).

**About BASF**

At BASF, we create chemistry – and have been doing so for 150 years. Our portfolio ranges from chemicals, plastics, performance products and crop protection products to oil and gas. As the world's leading chemical company, we combine economic success with environmental protection and social responsibility. Through science and innovation, we enable our customers in nearly every industry to meet the current and future needs of society. Our products and solutions contribute to conserving resources, ensuring nutrition and improving quality of life. We have summed up this contribution in our corporate purpose: We create chemistry for a sustainable future. BASF had sales of over €74 billion in 2014 and around 113,000 employees as of the end of the year. BASF shares are traded on the stock exchanges in Frankfurt (BAS), London (BFA) and Zurich (AN). Further information on BASF is available on the Internet at [www.basf.com](http://www.basf.com).