

News Release



Cooperation with automotive manufacturer BELGEE strengthens BASF's coatings business in Eastern Europe

- **BELGEE opens automotive production plant in Belarus**
- **BASF's Coatings division is single supplier for all coatings layers**

Minsk, Belarus – November 22, 2017. With the opening of BELGEE's new automotive production plant in Belarus on November 17/18, the cooperation between BASF and the Chinese-Belarusian joint venture has reached another milestone. At the plant near Minsk, Belarus, SUVs for the Russian, Belarusian, Ukrainian and Kazakh market will be produced. BASF's Coatings division supplies the respective coatings products for the car body as well as for the plastic parts. BASF is single supplier for all coatings layers – comprising e-coat, primer, basecoat and clearcoat. "We are proud that we won BELGEE as new customer for our comprehensive layer portfolio and that we can further strengthen our position on the Eastern European market", explained Monika Pander, Account Manager New Business Development, Automotive OEM Coatings, at BASF.

BELGEE is one of the rising stars in the automotive industry. The joint venture was founded by Geely, one of the leading Chinese car producers, and Belarusian automotive manufacturer BELAZ. The cooperation is the result of an intense preparation. "In the end, we were able to convince BELGEE with the quality of our products and our technological know-how", stated Ravil Bayazitov, Local Account

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Manager, Automotive OEM Coatings, BASF Wostok. “The successful international collaboration between all the teams from Germany, Russia and China was also a key to success”, emphasized Markus Staubermann, technical project manager.

With the opening of the production plant, BELGEE starts the line production at its Belarusian site which has a capacity of 60,000 car bodies a year – with optional expansion. Top-ranking politicians from Belarus and China joined the official opening ceremony.

About BASF's Coatings division

The Coatings division of BASF is a global expert in the development, production and marketing of innovative and sustainable automotive OEM and refinish coatings, as well as decorative paints. We create advanced performance solutions and drive performance, design and new applications to meet our partners' needs all over the world. BASF shares skills, knowledge and resources of interdisciplinary and global teams for the benefit of customers by operating a collaborative network of sites in Europe, North America, South America and Asia Pacific. In 2016, the Coatings division achieved global sales of about €3.2 billion.

In 2016, BASF acquired Chemetall, a leading global supplier of applied surface treatments for metal, plastic and glass substrates in a wide range of industries and end markets. With this expansion in portfolio, BASF becomes a more complete solution provider for coatings.

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