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BASF invests to produce Uvinul® A Plus in Asia

- **New production line at Kaohsiung site in Taiwan to produce Uvinul® A Plus, an ingredient used for UVA protection, in various sun and skin care formulations**
- **Regional production to meet rising consumer demand for high-performance and safe UV filters in the Asia Pacific market**
- **First additional capacities to be available from mid-2022**

Kaohsiung, Taiwan, August 18, 2020 – BASF, a global market leader in personal care ingredients including UV filters, is investing to double its global Uvinul® A Plus production capacity, with the introduction of a new line at its Kaohsiung site in Taiwan. The additional capacity is expected to come on stream by mid-2022. BASF currently produces Uvinul® A Plus at its site in Ludwigshafen, Germany.

“We expect the demand for high-performance and safe UV filters to continue to grow worldwide, due to consumer awareness about the importance of UV protection for skin health. BASF as a global market leader in personal care ingredients is dedicated to accompany this growth,” said Ralph Schweens, President Care Chemicals, BASF.

“Our investment in the production of Uvinul® A Plus in Kaohsiung reflects the demand for advanced UV filters from our customers and underlines BASF’s commitment to the region,” said Dr. Rajan Venkatesh, Senior Vice President, Care

Chemicals, BASF Asia Pacific. “This expansion coupled with our existing asset for Uvinul® A Plus in Ludwigshafen will increase supply security for our customers.”

“As the company which first commercialized the UV filters product class globally, BASF has deep expertise in production as well as offering complete solutions that include sunscreen formulations, which enhance every-day skin care regimes,” said Srikanth Vaduvur, Vice President, Personal Care Solutions, Care Chemicals, BASF Asia Pacific. “Our site in Kaohsiung which maintains high competency in manufacturing standards currently produces Tinosorb® S and the Uvinul® A Plus investment will further augment the production of our UV filters portfolio in the region.”

Uvinul® A Plus is one of the few photostable UVA filters available in the market today that reliably filters the sun’s dangerous UVA rays and provides outstanding protection from free radicals and skin damage. The oil-soluble granule offers excellent formulation flexibility, is free of preservatives and highly efficient at low concentration. Uvinul® A Plus is ideal for long-lasting sun care and skin care products with anti-aging efficacy.

About the Care Chemicals division at BASF

The BASF division Care Chemicals offers a broad range of ingredients for personal care, home care, industrial & institutional cleaning, and technical applications. We are a leading global supplier for the cosmetics industry as well as the detergent and cleaner industry, and support our customers with innovative and sustainable products, solutions and concepts. The division’s high-performance product portfolio includes surfactants, emulsifiers, polymers, emollients, chelating agents, cosmetic active ingredients and UV filters. We have production and development sites in all regions and are expanding our presence in emerging markets. Further information is available online at www.care-chemicals.basf.com.

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