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Excellent quality of pretreatment: Chemetall receives the European Supplier Award by Novelis

- **Surface treatment for aluminium coils demonstrating superior quality performance and efficacy in customized processes**
- **Novelis acknowledging Chemetall's commitment to quality**

The Surface Treatment global business unit of BASF's Coatings division, operating under the Chemetall brand, has been acknowledged by Novelis with the European Supplier Award 2020. It recognizes Chemetall for continuously pursuing excellence in quality as well as its expertise, reliability and professional services. The award, which was presented for the first time, was handed over during a virtual ceremony.

By establishing the European Supplier Awards, Novelis strives to honor and foster its partnerships with suppliers to underline its commitment to quality, sustainability and innovation as core values and drivers of business success.

Chemetall has a long-term partnership with Novelis

Novelis, headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, is a leading producer of flat-rolled aluminium products and the world's largest recycler of aluminium. Chemetall has maintained a long-term relationship with Novelis for more than 25 years, supplying innovative Gardobond® and Permatreat® aluminium coil passivation technologies for the automotive industry as well as other surface treatment specialties.

“Chemetall has proven to be a first-choice supplier for Novelis. Day in, day out, our operators have used Chemetall’s pretreatments – and day in, day out, Chemetall has delivered the expected quality performance,” stated Xavier Varone, Director Quality & Coil Industries Europe at Novelis. “The supplier award recognizes Chemetall for its outstanding quality and stability over the years. It is also a recognition of Chemetall’s commitment to develop excellent pretreatment in the market.”

Ulf Neidlein, Chemetall’s Vice President Surface Treatment EMEA and South America, is proud to have received this prestigious award: “It is an acknowledgement of our customer centricity, reliability, and fast responsiveness, which form the core values of our dedication.” Marcus Schinzel, Chemetall’s Global Segment Manager Coil, adds: “We are looking forward to continuing this successful partnership with Novelis to drive innovations and to deliver best-in-class quality standards.”

Novelis reviews the performance of its suppliers

Novelis has evaluated more than 50 supplier partners across three categories in terms of sustainability, innovation and quality. With the European Awards, Novelis thanked their suppliers for their valued partnership and their extraordinary contribution to the business.

About BASF’s Coatings division

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