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BASF strengthens its global production footprint for enzymes

- **BASF will invest at Novartis' Kundl/Schaftenau Campus in Austria**
- **Target is to further develop a world-scale production set-up for bacterial enzymes and biotechnology products**
- **With this investment, BASF strengthens its position in the enzymes and biotechnology market**

On April 26, 2021, BASF has agreed with Sandoz GmbH, a subsidiary of Novartis, to invest at the Kundl/Schaftenau Campus in Austria. This agreement enables BASF to further develop its production footprint for enzymes and biotechnology products.

Both parties agreed not to disclose financial details of the agreement.

“This investment is a clear sign of our commitment to the enzymes and biotechnology industry. BASF will strengthen its position in the market, as the Kundl/Schaftenau Campus has 75 years of biotechnology practice and corresponding infrastructure, including deep know-how,” said Dr. Michael De Marco, Vice President Global Business Management Enzymes for BASF.

“The agreement enables us to expand our production footprint for detergent enzymes and further enhance our product portfolio and leading market position in the Home Care and I&I industry,” said Dr. Soeren Hildebrandt, Senior Vice President Home Care, I&I and Industrial Formulators Europe. “With this step we support our customers to address key market needs such as cleaning products with superior sustainability profiles and new product formats, based on innovative BASF enzyme technology.”

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“Tyrol is a key location for our global production network. Our investments in Kundl and Schafteuau reinforce our commitment to the region,” says Steffen Lang, Head of Novartis Technical Operations and member of the Novartis Executive Committee. “With the further development into a Life Science Park and the settlement of BASF, an important player in the field of biotechnology, we are strengthening the competence and innovation capacity of the area.”

BASF seeks also to explore the potential to grow further via deeper involvement in the Kundl/Schafteuau Campus. The start of production is planned for 2024.

About BASF’s Nutrition & Health division

BASF Nutrition & Health provides a comprehensive product and service range for human and animal nutrition, pharmaceutical, bioenergy and flavor & fragrance industries. With our science-driven portfolio, we address customers in globally growing markets to meet the demands of an expanding world population. Together with our customers, we play an active role in enhancing the nutrition, health and wellbeing of consumers all over the world. Our products fulfill the highest safety, regulatory and sustainability standards. BASF Nutrition & Health operates sites in Europe, North America, South America and in Asia-Pacific. For more information, go to www.basf.com.

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