

News Release

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BASF appoints Michael Baier to lead Battery Materials business

Shanghai, China – April 15, 2019 – BASF has appointed Dr. Michael Baier to lead its global Battery Materials business within the company's Catalysts division, based in Shanghai, effective April 1, 2019.

Baier joined BASF in 1994 and has held various management positions in research, strategic planning and business management in Germany and the United States. In 2015, he moved to Shanghai to lead BASF's mobile emission catalysts business for the Asia Pacific region.

As Senior Vice President, Battery Materials, Catalysts Division, Baier will focus on further expanding the business and supporting BASF's customers and partners globally.

Baier succeeds Dr. Jeffrey Lou, who has been named President of BASF's Advanced Materials & Systems Research Division, based in Shanghai, effective May 1, 2019.

About BASF's Catalysts Division

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