

News Release

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BASF doubles its acrylic dispersions capacity in Pasir Gudang, Malaysia

- **New production line complements existing set-up and produces state-of-the-art Acronal® EDGE, Acronal® PLUS, Joncryl® and the next generation Acronal® ECO dispersions**
- **Additional capacity to serve primarily the ASEAN, Australia and New Zealand markets**
- **The construction was completed during COVID-19 pandemic under strict health and safety protocols, with no loss time injury**

Hong Kong – March 9, 2021 – BASF started up its new acrylic dispersions production line in Pasir Gudang, Malaysia, doubling its capacity. The state-of-the-art facility will produce acrylic dispersions serving the coatings, construction, adhesives, and packaging industries in Asia Pacific.

The new production line complements the existing set-up and allows the production of new dispersions technologies under Acronal® EDGE, Acronal® PLUS, Joncryl® and next generation Acronal® ECO product ranges. We are committed to ensuring that our systems are environmentally-friendly. This new line is equipped with condensate stripping recovery technology that reduces freshwater consumption and wastewater generation.

The production site at Pasir Gudang is situated in the integrated multi-purpose Johor Port Free Trade Zone, thus making it a strategic location for exports to the region. “With proximity to three world-class ports, the expansion will be a key supply point

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for our customers in Malaysia, Singapore and other ASEAN countries, also in Australia and New Zealand (ANZ). The first commercial quantities will be produced for our customers in March this year,” said Peter van der Zwan, Director of ASEAN & ANZ Dispersions & Resins, BASF.

“As a growth business within BASF, we will continue to invest into enhancing our asset network for polymer dispersions in this region, which is strongly backed by our own R&D capabilities in Asia Pacific. The new production line enables us to capture growth opportunities in the fast-growing emerging markets, as well as enhance our reliability towards our customers in ASEAN and ANZ,” said Jeff Knight, Senior Vice President, Dispersions & Resins, Asia Pacific, BASF.

BASF began operating its first acrylics dispersions production line in Malaysia in 2015 at Pasir Gudang.

BASF’s Dispersions & Pigments division

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