

News Release



BASF's Thane site wins 'Industrial Safety Award 2009'

Mumbai, India – July 28, 2010 – BASF India's Thane unit has been declared first-prize-winner for industrial safety performance in the "large" category of companies in the chemical industry for the year 2009. The results were announced at an awards function in Thane, where certificates and mementos were presented to the winners at the hands of Shri J P Dange, Chief Secretary of the Government of Maharashtra. HongGi Choi, Site Manager and PK Walankar, Manager Employee Relations, accepted the "Industrial Safety Award 2009" on behalf of BASF India's Thane site.

Commenting on this achievement, Mr. Prasad Chandran, Chairman, BASF Companies in India & Head South Asia said, "At BASF economic considerations do not take priority over Environment Health and Safety (EHS) issues. EHS performance is monitored by BASF in India under Responsible Care® Codes, which is the internationally accepted benchmark for evaluation of EHS standards. We hold regular safety audits and training programs to sustain our EHS performance and create safety awareness among all our employees," he added.

The initiative was a joint effort organised by the Directorate of Industrial Safety & Health – Thane Region along with the Municipal Corporation of Thane City, Thane Manufacturers' Association & Thane Belapur Industries' Association, Mutual Aid Response Group of Thane City and Mutual Aid Response Group of Navi Mumbai.

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Along with citizens and school and college students from the Thane and Navi Mumbai area, major industries, including the chemical industry, engineering, cold storages and textile processing industry, participated in the "small", "medium" and "large" categories of companies – including BASF India's Thane site.

After the initial screening of the participating companies' environment, health and safety policies, implementation processes, training, and other safety-related programs, the Evaluation Committee conducted a safety audit earlier this month. Awards were proposed based on findings of the safety audit report.

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