

News Release



BASF's Mangalore Site wins two Awards from Government of Karnataka

- **"Safe Industry Award"** in the medium scale industries category. State level awards chosen on the parameters of Safety, Health, Welfare & Community initiatives etc.
- **"Safe Boiler Award"** in the State of Karnataka.

Mangalore, India – March 16, 2011 – As part of the 40th National Safety Day 2011 celebrations held in Bellary recently, the Government of Karnataka announced the results of its State-level Safety awards. BASF's Mangalore Site was declared the winner of the "Safe Industry Award" in the medium scale category and the "Safe Boiler Award" in the State of Karnataka.

Mr. P.P.Shetty, Senior General Manager, BASF Mangalore Works, accepted the awards on behalf of BASF at the hands of Mr. B.N.Bachegowda, Hon'ble Minister for Labour & Sericulture, Govt. of Karnataka, in the presence of Mr. Ramesh B. Jalki, IAS and Secretary to Government, Labour Department.

"At BASF, economic considerations do not take priority over Environment Health and Safety (EHS) issues. We hold regular safety audits and training programs to sustain our EHS performance," said Mr. Prasad Chandran, Chairman BASF Companies in India and Head South Asia.

"The State-level safety awards stand in testimony to BASF's consistent care and commitment towards the safety and security of its employees and the local communities surrounding our operations," he added.

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The awards methodology included a detailed survey by the Directorate of Factories, Boilers, Industrial Safety & Health. An independent State level committee was set up by the Directorate to evaluate the performance of large, medium and small scale factories in the areas of Safety, Health, Welfare and Corporate Social Responsibility. Five companies were shortlisted in each category and a detailed site inspection / site audit was undertaken to choose the winners of the Safety awards.

The Mangalore site is BASF's largest manufacturing set up in India and in South Asia. It has been operational since 1996. It is engaged in the production of performance chemicals, dispersions and paper chemicals, automotive/coil coatings and construction chemicals. At the Mangalore site, BASF follows the highest standards of environment, health and safety (EHS) in line with BASF's global EHS standards.

The site is equipped with all the facilities that are required for operating a manufacturing facility which includes modern waste water treatment plant and an Incinerator. The Mangalore site is certified with ISO 9001- Quality management system & ISO 14001- Environmental management system by an International certifying authority.

Since inception, the Mangalore site is engaged in various community developments in its neighborhood such as supporting education, health, sports and cultural activities through a Community Advisory Panel (CAP) consisting of members from the local communities and the site.

About BASF in India

For more than a century, BASF has been partnering India's progress with its vast knowledge in the field of chemistry and high quality products that cater to a wide range of industries. As a dependable partner to stakeholders, BASF offers innovative, hi-tech and safe solutions. BASF in India is currently engaged in the business of manufacturing & marketing of Styropor®, tanning agents, leather chemicals and auxiliaries, crop protection chemicals, textile chemicals, dispersions and specialty chemicals, performance plastics, automotive and coil coatings, construction chemicals, polystyrene and polyurethane systems. BASF is also involved in marketing a wide range of intermediates, catalysts and other chemicals for life sciences, chemical and allied industries in India.

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