



## News Release

### **BASF opens Construction Competency Center in Chigasaki to support construction customers in Japan**

- **Upgraded technical development center is new headquarters for BASF Construction Chemicals division in Japan**
- **New hub brings customers higher responsiveness and integrated services**

Tokyo, Japan – November 16, 2018 – BASF inaugurated its new Construction Competency Center in Hagisono, Chigasaki City, the new headquarters for BASF's Construction Chemicals division in Japan. The new center further strengthens the company's innovation and services for construction customers in Japan.

Takahiro Ikeda, Head of Construction Chemicals of BASF Japan Ltd. stated, "Our Chigasaki Technical Development Center has been sharing knowledge and best practices with industry professionals on a variety of concrete related research topics for many years. With this legacy of trust and innovation, BASF has now transformed the Chigasaki Technical Development Center into a Construction Competency Center, reinforcing our industry leading position and our commitment to providing quality products and solutions for the construction industry."

The Construction Competency Center will also be the headquarters of BASF Construction Chemicals Division, managing 16 production centers across the country, as well as the operations of Pozzolite Solutions Limited. "The consolidation of all operational functions, including sales, marketing, customer services, research and development, and production management, will improve our operational

efficiency. Our investment in the facilities and equipment will continue to bring innovations to our customers,” Ikeda continued.

In Japan, BASF established a new research and development team in 2016, along with a customer-focused subsidiary, Pozzolith Solutions, in 2017. The company successfully launched new admixture innovations, MasterRheasure® and the underground solutions, MasterRoc®, in 2018 and will continue to launch new technologies and products that meet the needs of Japan’s construction industry.

### **About the Construction Chemicals Division**

BASF’s Construction Chemicals division offers advanced chemical solutions under the global umbrella brand Master Builders Solutions for the construction, maintenance, repair and renovation of structures. The brand is built on more than 100 years of experience in the construction industry. Our comprehensive portfolio encompasses concrete admixtures, cement additives, chemical solutions for underground construction, waterproofing systems, sealants, concrete repair & protection systems, performance grouts, performance flooring systems, tile-fixing systems, expansion joints & control systems and wood protection solutions.

The Construction Chemicals division’s approximately 6,500 employees form a global community of building experts. To solve our customers’ specific construction challenges from conception through to completion of a project, we draw on our specialist know-how, regional expertise and the experience gained in countless constructions projects worldwide. We leverage global BASF technologies and our in-depth knowledge of local building needs to develop innovations that help make our customers more successful and drive sustainable construction.

The division operates production sites and sales offices in more than 60 countries and achieved sales of about €2.4 billion in 2017.

### **About BASF in Japan**

BASF has been a committed partner to Japan since 1888. BASF has 24 production sites, including 16 admixture plants of the Construction Chemicals division. In addition, BASF maintains a strong research and development presence in Japan with its facilities in Amagasaki, Yokohama, Chigasaki, and Naruto. As of the end of 2017, BASF employed 1,087 employees in Japan, and achieved sales of about €1.7 billion to customers in Japan. For further information, please visit: [www.basf.com/jp](http://www.basf.com/jp).

### **About BASF**

At BASF, we create chemistry for a sustainable future. We combine economic success with environmental protection and social responsibility. The more than 115,000 employees in the BASF Group work on contributing to the success of our customers in nearly all sectors and almost every country in the world. Our portfolio is organized into four segments: Chemicals, Performance Products, Functional Materials & Solutions and Agricultural Solutions. BASF generated sales of more than €60 billion in 2017. BASF shares are traded on the stock exchanges in Frankfurt (BAS), London (BFA) and Zurich (BAS). Further information at [www.basf.com](http://www.basf.com).