

LANXESS steps up material protection activities in Asia

New lab in China, service capacities for premium products to be expanded in Singapore

Leverkusen – Specialty chemicals company LANXESS will open a microbiology test lab in Wuxi, China, early next year to strengthen its competitiveness in the biocides business in Asia. Managed by the Material Protection Products business unit (MPP), the new lab will help customers to select the right biocidal products and advise them on any related technical issues and problems.

In many Asian countries, the rapid growth of the domestic economy is going hand in hand with a rising demand for modern, environmentally compatible material protection products. “In Asia and specifically China, suppliers who want to participate actively in the growth of this dynamic economic region must be able to offer customers innovative technical solutions flexibly and locally,” says LANXESS employee Michael Gerle, head of marketing for industrial biocides in the region. “Therefore, opening up the lab in Wuxi is an important step when it comes to positioning LANXESS as a leading supplier in China.”

The Material Protection Products business unit further plans in 2008 to expand its service center in Singapore to enable it to respond even more flexibly to customer requests. Apart from standard analytical methods, new technical services include in particular tests for determining the effectiveness of biocides in coatings.

The beverage industry too will benefit from the expansion in Singapore. Customers in future will have access to a regional technical service center. Says Ian Wood, regional head of the Beverage Technologies business line at MPP: “To accompany the growth of Velcorin in the Asia-Pacific region, we must offer our customers rapid and targeted technical service. The new facilities in Singapore will make support of this kind

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possible and underpin our marketing activities in Asia.” Velcorin is a proven stabilizing agent for the sterile filling of non-alcoholic beverages and wine.

The Material Protection Products business unit is a leading manufacturer and supplier of biocidal active ingredients and formulations for use in wood preservatives, industrial applications, disinfectants and preservatives. Detailed information can be found under www.protectedbypreventol.com.

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