

News Release

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BASF extends its packaging coatings production to South China

- Broader product portfolio to serve the growing packaging markets in South China
- Customers will benefit from shorter lead times and increased proximity to raw material supply
- Shorter transportation distance contributes to energy savings and improved CO₂ footprint

Shanghai, China – June 17, 2020 – As a market leader of waterborne dispersions and resins for printing and packaging in Greater China, BASF has expanded its dispersion portfolio at its site in Huizhou, South China. The expansion will complement the production capacities in Shanghai, which primarily serve the market in the East China region. The move will support the fast-growing packaging industry in South China and help customers reduce lead-times by offering proximity between production and point of use. This also reduces energy consumption and CO₂ emissions due to the shorter transportation distance.

"Moving closer to our growing customer base in South China is part of our corporate strategy. It will improve our flexibility to better and quicker serve our customers, also help our customers reduce logistic costs and increase productivity. Our customers in South China have appreciated the move and are working closely with us to qualify the products from the Huizhou plant," said Sylvain Huguenard, Vice President, Business Management, Resins & Additives Asia Pacific, BASF.

BASF has successfully started the first production of Joncryl® at its Huizhou plant in

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March 2020. Under the Joncryl[®] brand, BASF offers a broad portfolio of resins and dispersions for applications, including water-based inks, water-based varnish, functional packaging coatings and wood coatings.

BASF's Huizhou site, established in 2010 and located in the national-level Daya Bay Petrochemical Industrial Park, produces environmentally friendly, water-based polymers for various applications, including architecture coatings, paper making, packaging, and water-proofing products for the construction industry.

About BASF's Dispersions & Pigments division

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