

### **LANXESS successfully completes plant expansion for Macrolex dyes**

- **Capacity increased by around 25 percent**
- **Investment of more than five million euros contributes to site security**

**Cologne** – Specialty chemicals company LANXESS has successfully completed the expansion of its Macrolex dyes production plant at the CHEMPARK Leverkusen. With an investment of more than EUR 5 million, the capacity was increased by around 25 percent. The expanded plant was officially put into operation at the beginning of May.

“By expanding the plant, we are responding to the increased global demand for high-quality dyes in the plastics industry,” says Philipp Junge, head of the LANXESS Rhein Chemie business unit (RCH).

“With the expanded capacity, we can now continue to grow, especially in sensitive application areas such as high-quality plastics packaging. Here, the solvent dyes under the Macrolex brand meet very high standards,” says Dominik Risse, Vice President Colorant Additives Business at RCH.

The investment is also a clear commitment to the Leverkusen site. “With the expansion of our colorants business at the CHEMPARK Leverkusen, we were able to create six additional jobs,” adds Dr. Axel Lache, Head of Production of Colorant Additives at RCH.

The soluble organic dyes marketed under the Macrolex brand are mainly used to color high-quality plastics products such as beverage bottles, electronic equipment, car tail lights and children’s toys.

The portfolio of LANXESS’s colorant additives business comprises a total of 150 products and, in addition to Macrolex dyes, other high-

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quality colorants for use in a wide range of demanding applications, from LCD screens to colorants for writing instruments. The business line supplies dyes and pigments to more than 800 customers worldwide.

LANXESS is a leading specialty chemicals company with sales of EUR 7.2 billion in 2018. The company currently has about 15,400 employees in 33 countries and is represented at 60 production sites worldwide. The core business of LANXESS is the development, manufacturing and marketing of chemical intermediates, additives, specialty chemicals and plastics. LANXESS is listed in the leading sustainability indices Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI World and Europe) and FTSE4Good.

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From left to right: Dominik Risse, Vice President of the Colorant Additives Business, Axel Lache, Plant Manager, Rainier van Roessel, Member of the Board of Management and Labor Director, Philipp Junge, Head of the LANXESS Rhein Chemie business unit, Lars Friedrich, CHEMPARK Manager, and Peter Danz, Project Manager, symbolically jointly put the expanded Macrolex plant into operation.  
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From left to right: Plant manager Axel Lache, member of the Board of Management and Labor Director Rainier van Roessel, Vice President of the Colorant Additives Business Dominik Risse and the head of the LANXESS Rhein Chemie business unit Philipp Junge inspect a new boiler of the expanded Macrolex production facility.  
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