LANXESS strengthens its presence in China by reforming its management company

Shanghai, February 9, 2011 – German Specialty Chemicals Company LANXESS announced that it is reforming its management company in China by merging LANXESS (Shanghai) Trading Co., Ltd with LANXESS Chemical (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. The new company is called LANXESS Chemical (China) Co., Ltd.

“We believe that this new corporate configuration will greatly enhance our profile and serve to underline our deep and unyielding commitment to our customers and to China,” said Martin Kraemer, CEO of LANXESS Greater China. “By uniting these two companies under a single corporate banner, we will strengthen our operational efficiency and further focus our efforts on delivering the kind of top-notch German quality and service that has made us one of the leaders in our industry.”

According to relevant laws and regulations of the People’s Republic of China, all claims, debts and obligations in the contracts of LANXESS (Shanghai) Trading Co., Ltd with LANXESS Chemical (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. will be inherited and subrogated by LANXESS Chemical (China) Company Limited.

Regular business operations will continue unchanged, and all relevant contact information – including office address, email addresses, telephone numbers and fax numbers, among others – will remain unchanged.
“The merger, enabling LANXESS with greater efficiency and strengthened corporate presence here in China, has better positioned the company than ever for the dynamic market of China.” said Sylvia Gu, General Manager of LANXESS (Shanghai) Trading Co., Ltd. also the team leader of the merger project.

LANXESS and its predecessor companies have been in China for decades. LANXESS has operations throughout the country, maintaining production sites in Shanghai, Wuxi, Qingdao, Tongling, Liyang. Further on, two additional sites in Changzhou and Nantong are under construction. Currently the company employs about 1,000 people in Greater China.

LANXESS is a leading specialty chemicals company with sales of EUR 5.06 billion in 2009 and currently around 14,700 employees in 24 countries. The company is represented at 45 production sites worldwide. The core business of LANXESS is the development, manufacturing and marketing of plastics, rubber, intermediates and specialty chemicals.

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