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BASF expands its network of EFfCI's Good Manufacturing Practice certified sites and plants

- **26 BASF production sites and plants for personal care ingredients worldwide fulfill the criteria of the EFfCI GMP standard**
- **Certification confirms product quality and hygiene standards during manufacturing processes**

Düsseldorf, Germany – March 1, 2022 – BASF's Care Creations® has expanded its global network of sites and plants for the production of personal care ingredients that have been awarded Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) by the European Federation for Cosmetic Ingredients (EFfCI). Up to now, 26 sites and plants that are related to BASF's personal care business worldwide have been certified. The latest additions were a plant in Ludwigshafen, Germany and the White Stone site in South Carolina, USA. The EFfCI GMP certification confirms that the sites and plants meet the strict requirements of, for example, product quality and hygiene standards during manufacturing processes.

High quality standard throughout the entire production chain

"In addition to the major personal care sites that are all certified since the end of 2017, we are focusing on plants managed by other BASF operating divisions that produce cosmetic ingredients for our personal care business. Expanding EFfCI-GMP certification across all production units ensures meeting the highest standard for personal care throughout the entire production chain around the globe," said Bettina Jackwerth, Director Quality and Product Stewardship at BASF Personal Care Europe.

EFfCI GMP guideline as established standard in the personal care industry

The EFfCI GMP guideline for cosmetic ingredients provides consistent and reliable information to manufacturers of cosmetic and personal care products. This helps to reduce the number of individual site audits by building trust regarding the implementation of additional quality requirements as defined by EFfCI. The standard is well established and regularly adapted to market needs. EFfCI is a European industry association that was founded in 2000 and represents the collective interests of more than 100 manufacturers of cosmetic ingredients in Europe.

About the Care Chemicals division at BASF

The BASF division Care Chemicals offers a broad range of ingredients for personal care, home care, industrial & institutional cleaning, and technical applications. We are a leading global supplier for the cosmetics industry as well as the detergents and cleaners industry, and support our customers with innovative and sustainable products, solutions and concepts. The division's high-performance product portfolio includes surfactants, emulsifiers, polymers, emollients, chelating agents, cosmetic active ingredients and UV filters. We have production and development sites in all regions and are expanding our presence in emerging markets. Further information is available online at www.care-chemicals.basf.com.

About BASF

At BASF, we create chemistry for a sustainable future. We combine economic success with environmental protection and social responsibility. Around 111.000 employees in the BASF Group contribute to the success of our customers in nearly all sectors and almost every country in the world. Our portfolio comprises six segments: Chemicals, Materials, Industrial Solutions, Surface Technologies, Nutrition & Care and Agricultural Solutions. BASF generated sales of €78.6 billion in 2021. BASF shares are traded on the stock exchange in Frankfurt (BAS) and as American Depositary Receipts (BASFY) in the U.S. Further information at www.basf.com.