

# News Release

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## **BASF expands production of polyacrylamide powder in Nanjing, China**

- **Commercial production successfully started**
- **New capacity supports growth of BASF's innovative polyacrylamide-based technologies for the mining industry**

Nanjing, China – April 16, 2019 – During the first quarter of 2019, BASF has successfully ramped up commercial production of its new production line for polyacrylamide powder at its wholly-owned site in Nanjing, China. The additional 20,000 metric tons per year capacity of polyacrylamide will support mining customers in Asia Pacific.

“We are very proud of the flawless start-up of BASF’s polyacrylamide production in Nanjing, and the commercial acceptance of its products. The new unit increases our manufacturing capacity for several of our proprietary specialty anionic polyacrylamide products which are exclusively marketed by BASF and its licensed distribution partners. It supports the growth of our innovative solutions for the mining industry,” said Damien Caby, Senior Vice President, Oilfield & Mining Solutions, BASF.

As a leading global provider of sustainable solutions for the mining operations, BASF creates innovations which increase productivity, recovery and flexibility throughout the hydrometallurgical process. Polyacrylamide is a significant contributor to BASF’s innovations for ore binders, alumina processing and tailings

management in mining, and for enhanced ore recovery and reservoir stimulation in oilfields. In 2018, BASF filed 15 patents for solutions based on polyacrylamide.

The new fully owned asset in China expands BASF's global PAM manufacturing footprint for the mining and oilfield industries which relies primarily on long term supply agreements with production units in Europe, North America and Australia.

### **About BASF Mining Solutions**

With innovative products, global field support and industry leading technical expertise, BASF Mining Solutions provides sustainable solutions which increase productivity, recovery and flexibility throughout the hydrometallurgical process of mining operations in leaching, solvent extraction, flotation, solid/liquid separation and tailings management. Further information can be found at: [www.mining-solutions.basf.com](http://www.mining-solutions.basf.com)

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### **About BASF**

At BASF, we create chemistry for a sustainable future. We combine economic success with environmental protection and social responsibility. The approximately 122,000 employees in the BASF Group work on contributing to the success of our customers in nearly all sectors and almost every country in the world. Our portfolio is organized into six segments: Chemicals, Materials, Industrial Solutions, Surface Technologies, Nutrition & Care and Agricultural Solutions. BASF generated sales of around €63 billion in 2018. 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](http://www.basf.com).