

News Release



BASF upgrading Hannibal site

Infrastructure improvements increase plant's energy efficiency

PALMYRA, MO, May 1, 2013 -- BASF has initiated a project to install new gas-fired boilers to generate the steam supply at its Hannibal, Missouri site. This investment at the site complements other ongoing worldwide infrastructure upgrades and is part of BASF's plans to spend on average around \$390 million (€300 million) annually on production capacities to support the company's global Crop Protection division over the next few years.

The new boilers will replace the coal fired boilers that had been used at the Hannibal site with a more efficient and sustainable energy system. In total, the company plans to spend around \$30 million on capital projects in 2013 to increase the Hannibal plant's performance, reduce environmental emissions and increase operational efficiency. Recent enhancements have added 16 jobs to the site's workforce of more than 250 employees, and will generate additional third party jobs related to the capital projects.

"This project demonstrates BASF's commitment to our employees, our customers and the local community," said Mike McFarlane, BASF Site Director in Hannibal. "As the world's leading chemical company, we are committed to supplying high-quality, safe products to our customers while operating our sites in a safe and sustainable manner."

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The BASF Hannibal site produces more than 20 technical and formulated products that help farmers meet the growing needs for an abundant and affordable supply of food. In 2009, BASF expanded the plant in Hannibal to manufacture the innovative herbicide products, powered by **Kixor**[®] herbicide technology.

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About BASF's Crop Protection division

With sales of around €4.7 billion in 2012, BASF's Crop Protection division provides innovative solutions in crop protection, turf and ornamental plants, pest control and public health. Its portfolio also includes technologies for seed treatment and biological control as well as solutions to manage water, nutrients and plant stress. BASF's Crop Protection division is a leading innovator that supports growers to optimize agricultural production, improve their business efficiency and enhance the quality of life for a growing world population. Further information can be found on the web at www.agro.basf.com or follow us on our social media channels: http://www.agro.basf.com/agr/AP-Internet/en/content/news_room/social_media/index

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