

### **LANXESS to cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in goods transport by rail by 75 percent with Eco Plus**

#### **LANXESS is the first chemical company to switch to Eco Plus from DB Schenker Rail for single wagon transport**

**Berlin/Leverkusen** – Specialty chemicals company LANXESS is reducing its annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in rail transport within Europe by around 75 percent from some 870 metric tons to around 220 metric tons. It is doing so by being the first chemical company to take up DB Schenker Rail's Eco Plus offer for single wagon rail transport. The electricity required for transport will be obtained from renewable energy sources. The option of CO<sub>2</sub>-free transport and energy procurement has been certified by TÜV SÜD.

"We are constantly endeavoring to avoid environmentally unfriendly emissions wherever we can – both in production and naturally in the shipping of our products. By opting for Eco Plus we are achieving a further milestone in cutting CO<sub>2</sub>," said Werner Breuers, a member of the LANXESS AG Board of Management.

Since March, all transportation with DB Schenker Rail has been carried out according to the Eco Plus option, amounting to around 110,000 metric tons of product annually. This reduces the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted into the atmosphere by LANXESS through rail transport by around 660 metric tons. By way of comparison, transport of the same volume of goods by road would lead to discharges of around 2,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>. In total, LANXESS annually transports around 160,000 metric tons of chemicals and bulk materials – especially chemical intermediates – by rail.

LANXESS is a leading specialty chemicals company with sales of EUR 7.1 billion in 2010 and currently around 14,850 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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