

LANXESS increases prices for HNBR rubber and chloroprene rubber

Leverkusen – Specialty chemicals company LANXESS has adjusted its prices for its HNBR rubber Therban effective June 1, 2011. Depending on the region, the prices are rising by up to EUR 1,300 per metric ton (USD 2,000 per metric ton).

At the same time, the price for Baypren chloroprene rubber is increasing by up to EUR 400 per metric ton (USD 600 per metric ton), also depending on region. Existing contractual agreements are being taken into account.

Reasons for this price rise are continuously increasing raw material, energy and other costs.

Therban is a high-performance rubber developed by LANXESS specifically for demanding applications. The elastomer is characterized by good resistance to high temperatures and in contact with fuels, oil and ozone. Therban is therefore used, for example, in the automotive industry for the manufacture of v-belts and toothed belts and for the stator/rotor systems of drill heads in the oil extraction industry.

The chloroprene rubber Baypren is suitable, for example, for the manufacture of cable sheathing, hoses, belts and air springs.

LANXESS is a leading specialty chemicals company with sales of EUR 7.1 billion in 2010 and currently around 15,500 employees in 30 countries. The company is at present represented at 46 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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