

BASF Catalyst Nienburg/Germany

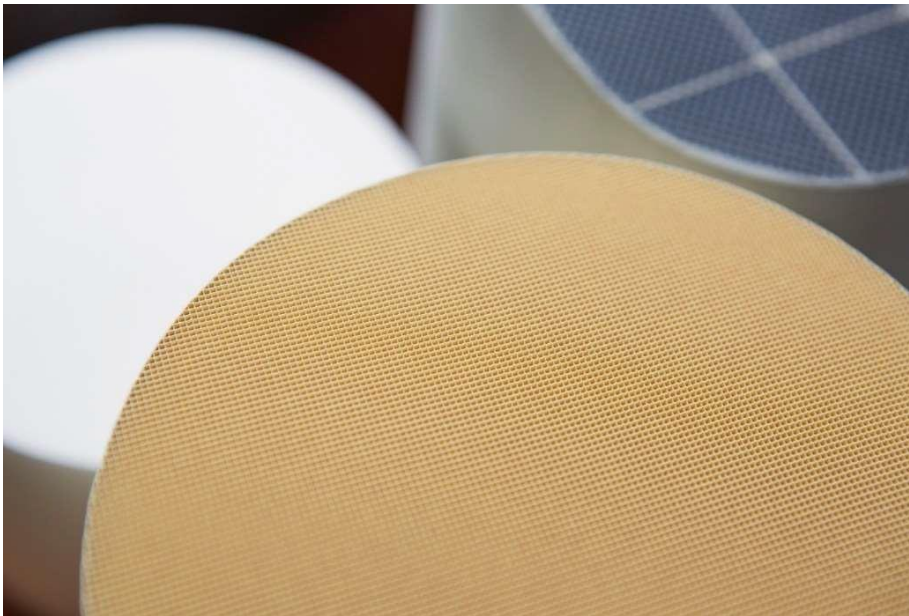


BASF Catalysts Germany GmbH is one of the world's leading suppliers of emissions control technologies. As a subsidiary of BASF Group, they are also leading in producing adsorbents for air and natural gas treatment and catalyst carriers. Sales, Research and Development as well as other administrative functions are located in Hannover, while the production sites are based in Nienburg/ Weser. About 750 employees work at the BASF Catalysts Germany GmbH sites in Hannover and Nienburg. More than 600 of those employees are located in Nienburg. Thus, they are one of the largest employers in the region.

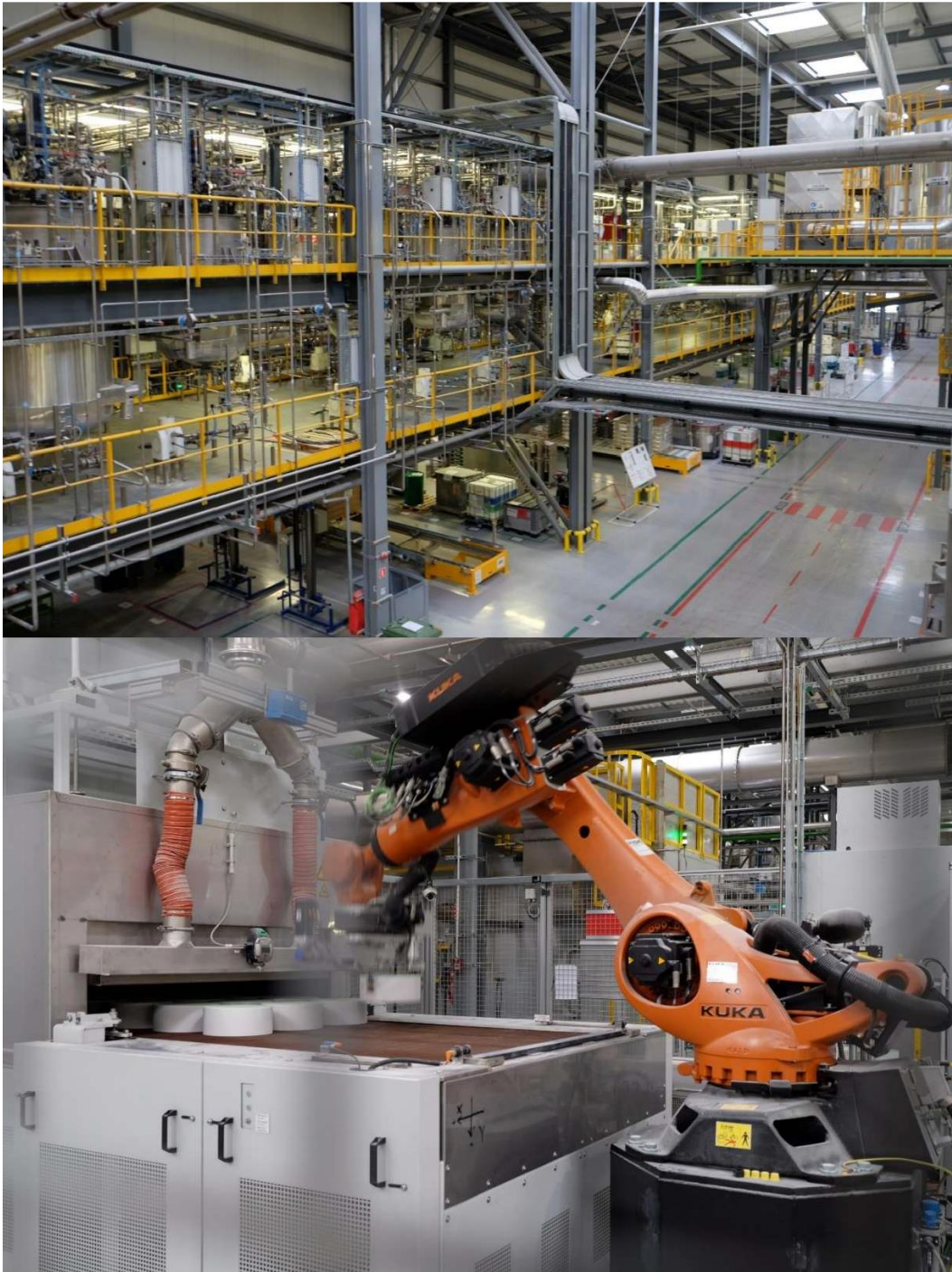


At the Nienburg catalysts site, BASF produces emissions control catalysts for gasoline- and diesel-powered cars, trucks, buses, motorcycles, construction equipment and other vehicles. However, they product portfolio also comprises catalytic soot (particulate) filters such as the EMPROTTM Four-Way Conversion Catalyst (FWCTM) that not only converts carbon monoxide, unburned hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxide into uncritical water, nitrogen and carbon dioxide but also removes harmful particulate matter. The products help automakers comply with the stringent emissions regulations and keep the air clean.





The focus of Vision 2010 is also demonstrated by BASF's involvement in global organizations and initiatives. BASF has intensified its dialog with stakeholders, for example, since 1999 in the World Business Council for Sustainable Development and since 2005 in the World Economic Forum. BASF is committed to social and environmental principles as a cofounder of the U.N. Global Compact, an initiative between companies and the United Nations. Since 2013, BASF's Board of Executive Directors has been regularly meeting with thought leaders in its Stakeholder Advisory Council to discuss key sustainability issues that affect BASF. In 2019, BASF joined forces with other companies to establish the global Alliance to End Plastic Waste, which aims to combat plastic pollution in the environment.



Sustainability aspects are also increasingly being depicted in the company's reporting. BASF took a step towards greater transparency in 1985 when it launched its first global BASF environmental protection guidelines. The first environmental report was published for the 1988 reporting year. With the publication "Social Responsibility" in the year 2000, the BASF Group released its first report on the social dimension of its corporate activities worldwide. Starting in the 2007 business year, BASF began presenting the connections between the company's financial, environmental and social performance in an integrated report, making the company a trailblazer in integrated reporting at that time.



Sustainability in BASF's corporate strategy

Since 1994, there has been a growing focus on sustainability in BASF's strategy. In 2004, BASF announced four strategic guidelines, one of which was: "We ensure sustainable development." In 2011, BASF defined sustainability as part of its purpose: "We create chemistry for a sustainable future."

As part of the further development of its strategy in 2018, BASF set itself new targets: The company aims for CO₂-neutral growth until 2030. And it wants to increase sales of its Accelerator products – those which make a considerable contribution to sustainability in the value chain – to €22 billion by 2025. In addition, BASF wants to promote sustainability via its procurement and support its employees to thrive and perform at their best. It also continues to pursue the existing sustainability goals relating to safety and water.

BASF Nienburg is certified to the norms ISO-14001 and ISO-50001 which requests a continuous focus on optimising the use of energies (like electric energy, natural gas consumption etc). Over time Nienburg site could demonstrate a 10% reduction of energy consumption by having a constant production output.

Future

Alliance to End Plastic Waste

In January 2019, BASF co-founded the Alliance to End Plastic Waste (AEPW) together with other companies from along the value chain – from plastics producers and consumer goods manufacturers to waste disposal companies. The AEPW has over 40 members, who together aim to develop solutions that avoid the discharge of plastic waste into the environment, especially the ocean. The focus is on four action areas: Development of waste collection infrastructure, promotion of innovative recycling methods, education and engagement of various stakeholder groups, and clean-up of areas heavily affected by plastic waste. The AEPW intends to invest up to \$1.5 billion in various projects and cooperative ventures over the next five years. BASF is also driving forward its own activities to strengthen the circular economy for plastics, including the ChemCycling project.

