

PRESS RELEASE

CABB Group consolidates its production in Southeast Asia

Expansion of plant in China, sale of Indian production site

Sulzbach, GERMANY, July 28, 2017 – Fine chemicals specialist <u>CABB</u> is strategically realigning its production in Southeast Asia. As such, effective July 27, 2017, CABB is selling its Indian production site for monochloroacetic acid to local family company <u>Anugrah</u>, who have been active in the Indian and Southeast Asian market for monochloroacetic acid since 2001. The production site in Ahmedabad uses crystallization technology to manufacture standard quality MCA for local markets.

In tandem with this, the CABB Group is investing around €5 million in expanding the capacity of its highpurity MCA plant in Jining, China. This is an overall increase of a third on the original €15 million invested in establishing the plant.

The plant in Shandong province, which began operation in spring 2016, is one of the most modern MCA production facilities in Southeast Asia. From its optimal location, it supplies both local customers and multinationals in the greater Beijing and Shanghai regions.

"We're continuing to strategically develop our Acetyls Business Unit into a market leader for high purity monochloroacetic acid and its derivatives, which we primarily supply to international brand manufacturers in industries such as personal care and food," comments CABB's CEO Peter Vanacker. "To do this, we're creating the ideal industrial structure with large integrated sites based on leading-edge technology."

"Selling the more traditional production site in India and expanding our highly modern plant in China are important steps in implementing this strategy. With its new owner Anugrah, the previous CABB India is becoming part of an established and respected company in the local market."

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About CABB

The CABB Group, based in Sulzbach, Germany, is a globally active manufacturer of precursors, intermediates and active substances in the fine chemical industry. It specializes in custom-manufacturing highly complex molecules for leading companies, especially those in the agrochemical and pharmaceutical industries. It is also a global market leader for high-purity monochloroacetic acid and supplies the chemical industry with innovative derivatives. CABB operates five production sites, in Gersthofen and Knapsack (Germany), Pratteln (Switzerland), Kokkola (Finland) and Jining (China). In 2016, the Group had around 1,000 employees and a turnover of about €450m. www.cabb-chemicals.com