

Joint press release

Silox acquires selected hydrosulfite-related assets from BASF

- *Silox improves services to European customers with the strategic acquisition of specific hydrosulfite-related BASF assets.*
- *Agreement reinforces Silox's long-term commitment to paper and textile industries and secures its position as a premier global supplier.*

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BASF and Silox have entered into a definitive agreement under which Silox acquires selected hydrosulfite-related assets from BASF. The transaction comprises **specific assets**, including **intellectual property rights, special containers, selected production equipment, technical expertise**, and **related trademarks**.

With over 70 years of expertise and plants in Belgium, India and Canada, Silox is a leading producer of sodium hydrosulfite-based reducing and bleaching agents.

This acquisition marks a clear strategic move to further strengthen Silox' role as a trusted partner in the global market.

Hydrosulfites are essential components in different industries, serving as critical reducing agents in the textile dyeing process and as vital bleaching additives in pulp and paper applications.



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*"By acquiring these assets from BASF, Silox reinforces its long-term commitment to the paper and textile industries and enhances its ability to offer reliable, high-quality hydrosulfites to customers in Europe and around the world." said **Jean-Christophe Bogaert**, Managing Director – **Silox Group***

As announced in September 2025, BASF has decided to discontinue its hydrosulfite production activities in Ludwigshafen as part of its strategic portfolio review. BASF will remain one of the leading suppliers of other inorganic chemicals produced in Ludwigshafen, such as alcoholates, sulfites, and nitrogen salts.

About BASF

At BASF, we create chemistry for a sustainable future. Our ambition: We want to be the preferred chemical company to enable our customers' green transformation.

We combine economic success with environmental protection and social responsibility. Around 108,000 employees in the BASF Group contribute to the success of our customers in nearly all sectors and almost every country in the world.

Our portfolio comprises, as core businesses, the segments Chemicals, Materials, Industrial Solutions, and Nutrition & Care; our standalone businesses are bundled in the segments Surface Technologies and Agricultural Solutions.

BASF generated sales of around €60 billion in 2025. BASF shares are traded on the stock exchange in Frankfurt (BAS) and as American Depositary Receipts (BASFY) in the United States.

Further information: www.basf.com



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About Silox

SILOX Belgium is a subsidiary of SILOX S.A. specialized in inorganic chemistry and engaged in the production and marketing of sulfur derivatives, namely sodium hydrosulfite-based bleaching agents, and zinc derivatives.

Further information: siloxperformance.com

SILOX S.A. is a global chemical group headquartered in Belgium that manufactures specialty chemicals for diverse end markets including paints & coatings, pulp & paper, polymers, textiles, rubbers, kaolin (China clay), pharmaceuticals, personal care, catalysts, human food, and animal feed.

The group operates across three core platforms: performance chemicals, anticorrosion pigments, and trading, recycling & refining complex non-ferrous metal-bearing residues with the mission to drive its organization towards a circular economy in a sustainable way.

With industrial sites in Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, India, and Thailand, the Silox Group provides innovative chemical and metallurgical solutions on a global scale.

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