

Media Release

Clariant doubles its production capacity for environmentally compatible flame retardants

- Clariant is a world leader in non-halogenated flame retardants
- Customers expect steeply rising demand for flame retardants
- Exolit® protects smartphones, notebooks, and many other electrical and electronic devices

Muttenz, 9 October 2012 – The Swiss specialty chemicals company Clariant as a world leader in environmentally compatible, non-halogenated flame retardants, is investing a double-digit million sum and doubling its production capacity for these products with the opening of a second plant at the Hürth-Knapsack site near Cologne, Germany. With this development the company will meet the demand for Exolit® flame retardants, which has risen significantly since their market launch in 2004. At present Clariant is extending the Exolit product range with new products such as reactive flame retardant systems for electronic materials. In particular, innovative flame retardants are used in smartphones, laptops, and aircraft parts, and also in upholstered furniture, carpets, textiles, fixative foams, and construction materials.

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Clariant is an internationally active specialty chemical company, based in Muttenz near Basel. The group owns over 100 companies worldwide and employed 22 149 employees on December 31, 2011. In the financial year 2011, Clariant produced a turnover of around CHF 7.4 billion. Clariant is divided into eleven business units: Additives; Catalysis & Energy; Emulsions, Detergents & Intermediates; Functional Materials; Industrial & Consumer Specialties; Leather Services; Masterbatches; Oil & Mining Services; Paper Specialties; Pigments; Textile Chemicals. Clariant focuses on creating value by investing in future profitable and sustainable growth, which is based on four strategic pillars: Improving profitability, innovation as well as research and development, dynamic growth in emerging markets, and optimizing the portfolio through complementary acquisitions or divestments.

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