

# Clariant breaks ground on joint venture production site in Cangzhou, China

**Clariant, one of the world leaders in specialty chemicals, and Beijing Tiangang Auxiliary Co., Ltd. (Tiangang), conducted a groundbreaking ceremony in Cangzhou (China), just over 200 km south of Beijing.**

The ceremony marked the start of the construction of a world-class production facility for stabilizers for plastics and textiles that will form the heart of the joint venture between both parties. The event was marked by a special event with representatives from both companies, as well as local officials.

The joint venture between Clariant and Tiangang was established in September 2017, and combines the technology and production knowledge of both companies to provide even better process and light stabilizers for various growing industries in China, including automotive and textiles.

China is a key market for Clariant high-end process and light stabilizers, which include Nylostab® S-EED® chemistry – invented by the company – a unique multifunctional hindered amine light stabilizer, or HALS. Tiangang, which was founded in 1991, is already an important manufacturer of light stabilizers and UV absorbers, with two plants in China backward integrated with production of key intermediates.

During the ceremony, Clariant Global Business Unit Head of Additives, Stephan Lynen, said: “This new facility enables the successful implementation of our joint venture, and we are excited about the improved proximity to customers and raw material suppliers.”

Mr. Gang Liu, Deputy General Manager of Tiangang announced: “We look forward to the facility coming on-stream in the first half of 2019 and start serving the growing demand for high-end

additives solutions in Asia even faster. The Cangzhou National Coastal-Port Economy & Technology Development Zone is an ideal production base for additives, with very good access to necessary raw materials and other support.”

This development took place just one day after Clariant officially opened wholly-owned plants for Ceridust® micronized waxes and AddWorks® synergistic additive solutions in Zhenjiang, 1250 km further south. Lynen added that “Clariant is committed to sustainable growth in China and therefore continues to invest across the country to increase its local production capability and competitiveness. I am proud to announce these two instances of the Business Unit Additives making progress on this expansion strategy in such short succession and look forward to leveraging this new capacity towards achieving sales growth supported by new and sustainable developments.” ♦

