

News Release



BASF appoints Folker Ruchatz as head of its global custom synthesis business

Evionnaz, Switzerland – January 18, 2008 – Effective January 2008 Dr. Folker Ruchatz has been given global responsibility for the custom synthesis business within BASF's business unit Pharma Ingredients & Services. He has also been appointed managing director of BASF Orgamol Pharma Solutions SA. The company manufactures active ingredients and highly refined intermediates for the pharmaceutical industry.

Dr. Folker Ruchatz joined BASF in 1996 and has held various positions in marketing and product development. Most recently, he was responsible for the Pharma Solutions and Dietary Supplements business unit in North America.

Dr. Folker Ruchatz studied pharmacy at the University of Kiel, Germany, and was awarded a doctorate in natural sciences.

Note for editors:

A press photograph can be downloaded from the Internet at www.basf.de/pressphotos, keyword "Fine Chemicals".

About the business unit Pharma Ingredients & Services

BASF produces and markets a broad range of active ingredients and excipients, as well as exclusive synthesis services for the pharmaceutical industry. These products

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are made using the latest technologies, to the highest quality standards and in compliance with cGMP guidelines.

Further information can be found at www.pharma-ingredients.basf.com

About BASF

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