



## **BASF PETRONAS CHEMICALS APPOINTS MARKO MURTONEN AS MANAGING DIRECTOR**

**Kuantan, Malaysia, July 28, 2020** – Marko Murtonen was appointed as the Managing Director of BASF PETRONAS Chemicals Sdn Bhd, based in Malaysia, effective July 2020. He succeeds Dr. Sven Crone, who is preparing for a new assignment within the BASF Group.

Murtonen joined BASF Group in 2009 as Site Director at BASF Netherland B.V. Maastricht in the Netherlands. Since then, he held various management positions in the areas of production and site management in Finland, Switzerland, and the Netherlands. In 2012, he moved to Shanghai to head Shanghai BASF Polyurethane Company Ltd (SBPC), a joint venture company in China. Most recently, he was Vice President of BASF and General Manager of BASF Polyurethanes (Chongqing) Co. Ltd., China.

Murtonen holds a Master's degree in Science in Process and Chemical Engineering from the University of Oulu in Finland, bringing a wealth of experience to BASF PETRONAS Chemicals' leadership.

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### **About BASF PETRONAS Chemicals Sdn. Bhd.**

BASF PETRONAS Chemicals Sdn. Bhd. is a Malaysia-based joint venture between BASF and Petroliaam Nasional Berhad (PETRONAS), Malaysia's fully integrated oil and gas multinational, under its subsidiary PETRONAS Chemicals Group Berhad (PCG). Incorporated in 1997, the company operates an integrated Verbund site situated in the Gebeng Industrial Zone, Pahang. The company's share capital is 60% held by BASF and 40% held by PCG. Key products include acrylic monomers, oxo products, butanediol, 2-ethylhexanoic acid, highly reactive polyisobutene and Aroma ingredients.

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