

LANXESS successfully starts test operation for on-site production of retanning agent

- **Modular pilot plant put into operation in tannery**
- **First ton of X-Biomer retanning agent made from residual shavings**
- **Joint project with research institute INVITE and tannery HELLER-LEDER**

Cologne – Since the end of November 2017, specialty chemicals company LANXESS has started the operation of a pilot plant for the in situ production of the retanning agent X-Biomer in practice. In the modular system installed at the HELLER-LEDER tannery in Hehlen, Lower Saxony, the first ton of high-quality liquid X-Biomer was produced under real operation conditions. It was made from two cubic meters of wet white shavings.

“This is an important milestone for our technology project,” says Dr. Dietrich Tegtmeyer, project manager at LANXESS. “Now it's time to further refine the technology and to demonstrate the value of the new X-Biomer products in the wide variety of different leather items.”

The joint project “Resource-efficient production of leather chemicals” (ReeL) is a cooperation between LANXESS, INVITE and HELLER-LEDER. It is supported by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). The test operation at HELLER-LEDER will run until the end of 2018.

Further information on the LANXESS pilot project and the leather business can be found at www.leather.lanxess.com.

LANXESS is a leading specialty chemicals company with sales of EUR 7.7 billion in 2016 and about 19,200 employees in 25 countries. The company is currently represented at 74 production sites worldwide. The core business of LANXESS is the development, manufacturing and marketing of chemical intermediates, additives,

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specialty chemicals and plastics. Through ARLANXEO, the joint venture with Saudi Aramco, LANXESS is also a leading supplier of synthetic rubber. LANXESS is listed in the leading sustainability indices Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI World and Europe) and FTSE4Good.

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Picture



Since the end of November 2017, LANXESS has started the operation of a pilot plant at HELLER-LEDER tannery for the in situ production of the retanning agent X-Biomer in practice.

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