

LANXESS subsidiary wins prestigious “Agrow Award 2009”

## **Saltigo successfully defends its title as “Best Supplier”**

**Langenfeld** – Saltigo GmbH, a wholly owned subsidiary of specialty chemicals group LANXESS, has been rated as “Best Supplier” by the “Agrow” trade journal for the second time in succession and won against a strong competition from India, China and Europe. A panel of judges comprising eleven internationally recognized experts from the industry chose the winners from worldwide applications. Explaining their selection of Saltigo, the judges highlighted the factors which turned the company into a premium supplier: In recent years Saltigo has further expanded its position as one of the leading custom manufacturer for the agrochemical industry. With its technological strength and speed the LANXESS subsidiary supports the agrochemical industry in achieving successful market development. Saltigo’s expertise ranges from route selection via pilot production to scale-up and commercial manufacturing. Strong analytical support at each stage ensures high quality standards.

The journal “Agrow” made its first awards for special achievements in the crop protection industry two years ago, dividing them up into various categories e.g. “Best Supplier” or “Most Innovative Chemistry”. This year 14 awards were presented. The eventual winner, Saltigo was the only European company to make it through to the final in the “Best Supplier” category. The presentation of the “Agrow Awards 2009” took place at a gala event in the Renaissance Chancery Court Hotel in London on November 11, 2009.

Dr. Uwe Brunk, head of Saltigo’s Agro & Specialty Chemicals business line, sees this honor as being primarily a recognition of the performance of his employees: “Continuous improvement of our processes and our services offered in a highly competitive market is our key to success and is being rewarded more and more by our customers in form of new orders. My thanks go to our employees and also to our customers who have made it possible for us to win this prestigious prize once again.”

Saltigo GmbH is a leading supplier in the field of custom synthesis, offering complete, tailor-made solutions for customers both in the crop protection and pharmaceuticals segments and in various non-life-science industries. The LANXESS subsidiary belongs to the Advanced Intermediates segment, which achieved total sales in 2008 of EUR 1,310 million. Saltigo, headquartered in Langenfeld and with production facilities in Leverkusen and Dormagen, employs around 1,400 staff worldwide. LANXESS Corporation also operates a further site for Saltigo in Redmond, Washington, United States.

Detailed information about the company can be found on the Internet at [www.saltigo.com](http://www.saltigo.com).

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