

# News Release



## **BASF South Africa supports International Day initiative.**

- **Employee volunteering forms an integral component of BASF South Africa's Corporate Social Responsibility programme.**

**Port Elizabeth, South Africa – 19 July 2016.** Employees at BASF, the world's leading chemical company, are strongly supported by the company's ethos of giving back to the community in which the company operates.

Employee volunteering, coupled with BASF South Africa's Corporate Social Responsibility programme, is an integral component of the business of BASF Port Elizabeth's Mobile Emissions Catalysts site.

The annual International Mandela Day initiative sees staff volunteering their 67 minutes of service for the upliftment of the local community. For the fifth consecutive year, a BASF team of 13 volunteers participated in a programme hosted by the Missionvale Care Center - which is also a beneficiary of an annual donation through the Corporate Social Responsibility programme of BASF South Africa. This year the team volunteered their 67 minutes in 'Santa's Workshop' and wrapped Christmas presents for the over 6 000 vulnerable children in the Missionvale area who receive gifts at the Center's annual Christmas Party.

According to Site Director, Paul Allday, giving back to the community is one of the fundamental responsibilities of all corporate citizens. "Contributions to support the community in which we do business do not only have to be of a monetary nature, but can include social

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awareness and upliftment programmes that all staff can get involved in at any level,” he said.

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At BASF – we create chemistry and have been doing so in South Africa for 50 years. Headquartered in Midrand, Johannesburg, the BASF Group in South Africa consists of five companies with locations in Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth and Cape Town. BASF has five production sites, including a world-class automotive emissions catalysts production site in Port Elizabeth. In 2012 BASF invested in a dispersions production plant in Durban which is producing acrylic dispersions, and in 2013 the former Becker-Underwood, now BASF Agricultural Solutions, also forms part of the South African business profile. BASF employs around 1000 people in South Africa. Industry portfolios represented in the country include chemicals, plastics, dispersions, agricultural products and nutrition. BASF products are used for industrial applications in a variety of sectors including paper, packaging, leather, detergents, cosmetics, construction, mining, agriculture and automotive industries. For further local information, visit the Website: [www.basf.co.za](http://www.basf.co.za) For news updates, follow us on Twitter @ BASF\_Africa and like us on Facebook/BASF.Africa.

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