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Ciba Specialty Chemicals Increases Pricing for Lubricant Additives in Asia Pacific

Ciba Specialty Chemicals announced today that its Business Line Process & Lubricant Additives is increasing prices for selected products in its range in the region Asia Pacific. All price increases are effective immediately or as contracts allow.

According to Stefan Barot, Regional Sales Head Process & Lubricant Additives, "throughout 2005, especially by the end of this year, we see further strong increases in the costs of raw materials, transportation and energy. While all product lines will be impacted, corrosion inhibitors and antioxidants will see the largest price increases, typically in the range of 10-15%. While we remain committed to the development of innovative, high quality products, this can only be achieved if the increase in raw materials prices, freight expenses and energy costs is passed through the chain."

Ciba Specialty Chemicals (SWX: CIBN, NYSE: CSB) is a leading global company dedicated to producing high-value effects for its customers' products. We strive to be the partner of choice for our customers, offering them innovative products and one-stop expert service. We create effects to improve the quality of life – adding performance, protection, color and strength to textiles, plastics, paper, automobiles, buildings, homes and personal care products and much more. Ciba Specialty Chemicals is active in more than 120 countries around the world and is committed to be a leader in its chosen markets. In 2004, the Company generated sales of 7 billion Swiss francs and invested 288 million in R&D.

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