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Ciba Specialty Chemicals to invest in a new antioxidant production plant in Singapore

- **State-of-the-art manufacturing facilities for antioxidants for plastics on Jurong Island, Singapore**
- **New plant will cover the growing demand for antioxidants for plastic manufacturing especially in Asia and the Middle East**

Ciba Specialty Chemicals has decided to make a major investment of around CHF 125 million (USD 100 million USD) in a new production plant for antioxidants for plastics in Singapore. The new plant comprises synthesis, blending and form giving facilities for granular forms of Ciba® IRGANOX® 1010 and Ciba® IRGAFOS® 168 and its blends, with an overall initial capacity of 30.000 metric tons. State-of-the-art technology and innovative manufacturing processes will ensure Ciba's long-term competitiveness. The plant's location in the fast developing Jurong Island petrochemical complex offers excellent infrastructure and support facilities, backward integration into key raw materials and options for future expansion. Production start up is expected in early 2008.

The new manufacturing plant will ensure continuous supply of antioxidants to the fast growing polymer industry in Asia Pacific and Middle East. Global plastic production continues to grow above GDP level with Asia and Middle East driving production expansion to meet fast growing consumer demand based on high economic growth and low per capita consumption in China and other emerging markets in Asia.

Armin Meyer, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Ciba Specialty Chemicals, highlighted the importance of the investment: "This major investment emphasizes our commitment to the growth regions of Asia and Middle East and represents a further significant step in Ciba's growth strategy. The new plant, which is to serve the fast growing demand of plastic manufacturers in Asia and the Middle East, at a central location with state-of-the-art and cost efficient production, will further secure Ciba's position as a leading global supplier of plastic additives."

"We thank Ciba Specialty Chemicals for their strong vote of confidence in Singapore. Ciba's investment further diversifies the range of high value specialties produced in Singapore. It also reaffirms Singapore's ability to be a total solutions hub for the specialties industry, integrating innovation, technology, manufacturing and connectivity to competitively serve growth markets," added Mr Teo Ming Kian, Chairman, Singapore Economic Development Board.

This investment in Singapore reflects Ciba Specialty Chemicals' strategy to expand activities in Asia and continue to build new production capacity primarily in this region. The Company is also investing into new production facilities for Coating Effects in India to expand its production network in Asia with currently 21 manufacturing facilities. Earlier this year, a new Research and Development Center was opened in Shanghai. Other recent steps to strengthen the business position in the region include an agreement with LG Chem, the leading chemical company in Korea. This provides Ciba with ownership of the Hisorb plastic stabilizer range in Korea, as well as a long-term supply agreement. In 2004, Ciba generated 27 percent of sales in Asia-Pacific.

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 that improve the quality of life – adding performance, protection, color and strength to textiles, plastics, paper, automobiles, buildings, home 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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- *Press release*
- *Photos:*
 - *Ciba Specialty Chemicals' new antioxidants plant is located in the petrochemical complex on Jurong Island, Singapore (aerial shoot).*
 - *Consumer demand for plastics is growing fast in China and other emerging markets in Asia (market in China).*

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