

## Evonik expands capacity for specialty alcohol ITDA

- Output of the isotridecanol production plant in Marl increased
- Expansion in response to increasing market demand for highly effective surfactants
- Higher capacity enables faster and more efficient market service, resulting in stronger customer relationships

Essen/Marl. Evonik has expanded its production capacity for the high-purity C13 alcohol isotridecanol (ITDA) at the Marl Chemical Park. This will enable the specialty chemicals group to continue to build on its position as one of the world's most important manufacturers of this product, and to grow with its customers. Due to the outstanding technical properties and high effectiveness of ITDA, global demand has been growing for years.

The high-purity C13 alcohol is an important intermediate product in the production of surface-active substances (so-called surfactants). They are used, for example, in high-quality industrial applications such as cleaning and lubricants. Another application of ITDA is in the form of special esters, found in high-quality paints and lacquer resins.

"ITDA is a real petrochemical specialty. With this quality, which contains almost 100 percent C13 alcohols, we offer our customers a particularly high-quality product," says Hinnerk G. Becker, Market Segment Manager for Specialties at Evonik Performance Intermediates. "In line with our motto 'Chemistry4People®', we offer ITDA, as with all petrochemical specialties, a reliable partnership of equals for both existing and new customers, enhanced by modern digital business and cooperation opportunities".

The optimization of the production-Verbund from the raw material side to the customer's value chain: this is one of Evonik's special areas of expertise. And this is also the basis for this expansion. As a result, Evonik is now in a better position to meet the increased demand for this specific product and to support its

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customers' growth strategies – not just selectively, but consistently and reliably.

This is also ensured by the sustainable and complete integration of the corresponding raw material flows into the C4 Verbund at the Marl and Antwerp sites. In the spirit of the motto "Chemistry4People®: we create the future of C4Chemistry together with our customers", Evonik is responding, in good time, to changing market conditions and increased customer requirements.

#### **Company information**

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