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BASF and Direvo are broadening their collaboration on enzymes for animal nutrition

Direvo Industrial Biotechnology GmbH (Direvo), an expert in enzyme development and optimization from Cologne, Germany and BASF SE, a global leader in sustainable animal nutrition, will jointly develop a highly efficient protease for pig and poultry nutrition.

The global population growth, increasing meat consumption in emerging markets and rising grain prices require innovative solutions for sustainable animal nutrition. Feed enzymes like proteases are an effective means for improving animal production both economically and environmentally. While proteases optimize the digestibility of protein sources they help saving feed plants and make feeding more efficient. In addition, proteases support animal well-being.

“The collaboration with a world market leader like BASF proves the innovational strength of Direvo’s proprietary technology platform. We are very pleased to extend our collaboration with BASF,” said Dr. Jorg Riesmeier, CEO of Direvo.

“Enzymes are an important part of our innovation activities,” said Dr. Alexandra Brand, Senior Vice President of BASF’s Animal Nutrition Business. “We expect with Direvo’s development and innovation expertise to deliver an outstanding product which complements BASF’s feed enzyme portfolio and is a further step for BASF to extend its position as a leader in animal nutrition.”

About Direvo Industrial Biotechnology GmbH

Direvo is a biotechnology company with focus on the biomass conversion industry. Direvo identifies bottlenecks and weaknesses in current industrial processes in this sector and develops and implements biology-based solutions together with large and small industrial partners. Direvo’s products are newly designed enzymes and microorganisms of the highest quality that provide easy-to-implement, cost-effective solutions. Direvo’s contribution assures that partners stay competitive and profitable while supporting them to make the future cleaner, greener and safer. More information about Direvo is available on www.direvo.com.





About BASF

BASF is the world's leading chemical company: The Chemical Company. Its portfolio ranges from chemicals, plastics, performance products and crop protection products to oil and gas. We combine economic success with environmental protection and social responsibility. Through science and innovation, we enable our customers in nearly every industry to meet the current and future needs of society. Our products and solutions contribute to conserving resources, ensuring nutrition and improving quality of life. We have summed up this contribution in our corporate purpose: We create chemistry for a sustainable future. BASF had sales of €2.1 billion in 2012 and more than 110,000 employees as of the end of the year. BASF shares are traded on the stock exchanges in Frankfurt (BAS), London (BFA) and Zurich (AN). Further information on BASF is available on the Internet at www.basf.com.

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