Technical aspects have not been forgotten. The samples enable the finisher to assess not only the look and feel of the leather, but also technical aspects such as pull-up and other important factors that tanners look at when selecting a particular effect.

The spiral binding of the pages on either side of the book presents a novel way of allowing different colours and effects to be compared.

Stahl's technicians will present the collection to their customers during the summer months.

OS + H ASIA - 8TH OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY + HEALTH EXHIBITION FOR ASIA 12TH TO 14TH SEPTEMBER 2012 @ SUNTEX SINGAPORE

Messe Dusseldorf would like to invite you to OS + H Asia 2012, the 8th Occupational Safety + Health Exhibition for Asia, to be held from 12th to 14th September 2012 at Suntex Singapore (Halls 402 & 403).

Into its 8th edition, the exhibition has established itself as an international networking and business platform presenting the latest on workplace safety and health to a wide audience from all over Asia.

The 2012 edition of OS + H Asia expects a stronger attendance of both visitors and exhibitors that has more than doubled over the years. An impressive line-up of more than 150 international companies and brands will showcase their latest equipment, applications and solutions for Personal Protection, Security and Health at work.

Those companies who are interested in participating can still apply for space.

If you are planning on only visiting the fair, then you are required to pre-register yourself online. The exhibition is not open to public.

For further information on the exhibition and visitor registration as well as updates on OS + H Asia 2012, you may visit the website at www.osha-singapore.com

A + A 2013 - SAFETY, SECURITY & HEALTH AT WORK, FROM 5TH TO 8TH NOVEMBER 2013 IN DUSSELDORF, GERMANY

India has had legislation on occupational safety and health for 50 years. It is estimated that unsafe working conditions is one of the leading causes of death and disability among India’s working population. These deaths are needless and preventable. The figures of dying and ailing workers are never recorded or spoken about. Around 403,000 people in India die every year due to work-related problems. To give some idea of the scale - more than 1,000 workers die every day from work-related diseases; that’s about 46 every hour! So what are the ways to create awareness about this???

One such solution is to attend A + A in Dusseldorf Germany - A + A is the world's largest and most important specialist trade fair for all aspects of safety and security with quantitative and qualitative first class product range, numerous special events and informative meetings.

These following areas form the basis of A + A:

- Safety at Work
- Security at Work
- Health at Work
- Specialised equipment for disaster management
- Forums / Presentations / Special Shows.

Following the record number of exhibitors and record area booked at the 2011 fair, A + A is all set to be a magnet for experts in safe and healthy working once again in 2013. The main focus will be on innovative products, the latest trends and scientific discoveries as well as the most important developments in the areas of safety, security, specialised equipment for disaster management and health at work.

BASF
The Chemical Company

ALL CHINA LEATHER EXHIBITION 2012: BASF SHOWCASES INNOVATIVE AND HIGH PERFORMANCE SOLUTIONS

➢ Ecologically-safe leather chemicals solutions for long-term sustainability
➢ BASF location: Booth E09, Hall E2, Shanghai New International Expo Center, 4-6 September

BASF, the world's leading chemical company, will showcase a new range of sustainable, innovative, high-performance leather chemicals solutions at the All China Leather Exhibition in Shanghai, from September 4-6, 2012 at the Shanghai New International Expo Centre.
"At BASF, we innovate to make our customers more successful. Hence, it is important that we drive solutions in product and process applications that are high in performance and sustainable in the long run," says Joachim Henkmann, head of BASF’s leather business in Greater China. "We want to create chemistry with not only our products but also our relationships with our customers. As always, we will work alongside our customers to develop optimized solutions that deliver results."

Highlights at this year’s fair include the new BASF range of products, such as Basyntan® UT, Densodrin® DP, Astacin® Finish PTM and Astacin® Finish PS.

An international team of experts will be in attendance to advise customers on new innovative developments and extensive range of proven, high-performance products from BASF.

Basyntan® UT: Ecological, multipurpose retanning agent

Basyntan® UT is the latest sulfone based retanning agent that is an excellent choice for making high quality leathers, with improved consumer safety. The product is versatile in the pre-tanning, re-chroming and re-tanning of both wet blue and wet white leathers. Basyntan® UT imparts a compact fiber structure, a pleasant handle and a tight, fine grain. Leathers retanned with Basyntan® UT are characterized by excellent buffability and they can be dyed to clear, brilliant shades. When Basyntan® UT is used in the pre-tanning of wet white leathers, a higher cutting yield can be achieved because of the compact fiber structure and the even fullness. The eco-friendly product is free of formaldehyde, heavy metals and phenol.

Densodrin® DP: High performing, full handle water-repellent

The newly launched Densodrin® DP, brings enhanced performance in fullness, softness and fastness besides its good water-repellent performance. Dyeings are brilliant and more level and is superb for washable leathers. It facilitates further processing like buffing and finishing, because with Densodrin® DP, the surface of the leather is much drier. The new development also stands out from most competition products in the market due to its consistent and reliable processing. It is less sensitive to water hardness and low pH, compared to previous water-repellents. Densodrin® DP also has an excellent fogging and VOC performance. It has a remarkable retanning and fatiquing effect on non-waterproof leathers based on both wet white and wet blue. Together, these properties make it the first choice for fatiquing wet blue and especially wet white automotive leather. When it comes to environmental friendliness, Densodrin® DP does not contain any organic halogen compounds (AOX), alklyphenol ethoxylates (APEs) and is free of organic solvents.

Astacin® Finish PTM: Outstanding upgrading binder

Astacin® Finish PTM is the latest matte polyurethane dispersion from BASF which is used to finish all types of full grain and corrected grain leather that is expected to fulfill high standards of softness and/or embossed. Astacin® Finish PTM is mainly used in base coats for improving fill and coverage and it can also be applied in top coats for adjusting the gloss of the leather. In terms of ecological benefits, Astacin® Finish PTM is free of NMP (N-Methyl-2-pyrrolidone) and NEP (N-Ethyl-2-pyrrolidone). It does not contain any alkyl tin compounds, surfactants or plasticizers.

Astacin® Finish PS: Superior water spot resistance and high print retention

The newly launched Astacin® Finish PS is a must for finishing elegant leather with outstanding water spot resistance and high print retention. Astacin® Finish PS delivers very high performance levels regarding water absorption, heat and light fastness as well as flexibility in wet/dry state and at low temperature. Finishes are distinguished by their high water resistance, especially to spotting by water droplets. Elegant leather with a fine mill break can be produced with Astacin® Finish PS, as only a thin finishing coat will be sufficient. When it comes to environmental friendliness, Astacin® Finish PS is not only free of NMP (N-Methyl-2-pyrrolidone), but also NEP (N-Ethyl-2-pyrrolidone). It also does not contain any plasticizers and is free of alkyl tin compounds.

About BASF Leather Chemicals

BASF Leather Chemicals operates within BASF’s global business unit Leather and Textile Chemicals. BASF Leather Chemicals business is a leading global supplier of chemical solutions to the leather industry. Present along the entire industry value chain, it offers innovative and sustainable solutions for all wet-end to finishing processes in the leather industry. Headquartered in Singapore, the business operates sales, production plants and research & development globally. Further information on its products and services is available at www.basf.com/leather

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, social responsibility and environmental protection. Through science and innovation we enable our customers in almost all industries to meet the current and future needs of society. Our products and system solutions contribute to conserving resources, ensuring healthy food and nutrition and helping to improve the quality of life. We have summed up this contribution in our corporate purpose: We create chemistry for a sustainable future. BASF posted sales of about €73.5 billion in 2011 and had more than 111,000 employees as of the end of the year.

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BASF IS THE "OFFICIAL PARTNER" TO THE GERMAN YEAR IN INDIA

Germany and India have long seen each other as reliable partners in all fields of bilateral cooperation. To celebrate 60 years of successful Indo-German ties across various fields and to explore Infinite Opportunities to grow by way of collaboration, Year 2011-12 has been declared as the "Year of Germany in India". As a leading German multinational company operating in India for more than a century, BASF is extending its highest level of association and is proud to be the Official Partner to the event.

The highlight of the celebration is the "Indo-German Urban Meets", a unique mobile pavilion concept, which brings together science and education, research, politics, business, art and culture on one platform. Themed "StadtRäume – CitySpaces", the Urban Meets is focused towards exploring the implications of rapid urbanization and the challenges of mobility, energy and sustainable city development faced by both nations. Started in Mumbai in April 2012, the Meets recently concluded its Bangalore stop and will further travel to Chennai, New Delhi and Pune until January 2013.

As the Official Partner, BASF has one of the largest corporate pavilions at the Indo-German Urban Meets. At our pavilion, visitors can see how chemistry shapes daily life and plays a critical role in solving future challenges. It is estimated that by 2050, more than 9 billion people, 43% more than today, will live on Earth. Growing population and rapid urbanization will put heavy pressure on existing scarce natural resources thereby demanding innovation and technological advancement in the fields of health & nutrition, housing & construction, energy & climate protection and mobility.

The pavilion is also a data point for individuals who want to know more about BASF in India and its operations. One can explore career opportunities, check out our employee testimonials, learn more about our corporate social responsibility projects and participate in a series of stakeholder engagement programmes planned at the Meets.

The next stop of the Meets is in Chennai at YMCA College of Physical Education, Nandanam. Come, visit the BASF pavilion and experience through visual and interactive displays how BASF creates chemistry for a sustainable future, through science and innovation.

CLARIANT

CLARIANT CHEMICALS’ Q2, 2012 NET SALES UP BY 6.5%

Clariant Chemicals (India) Limited’s Net Sales for the quarter ended June 30, 2012 is up at Rs 82.1 crores from Rs 75.1 crores for the corresponding period of the previous year. The Profit (before exceptional items) for the same period stood at Rs 4.1 crores compared to Rs 3.7 crores in the previous year period. After considering the exceptional items and tax expenses, the Net Profit for the period amounted to Rs 3.6 crores as against Rs 3.4 crores in the previous year period.

For the six month period ending June 30, 2012, the Net Sales rose from Rs 488.3 crores to Rs 521.4 crores, in comparison with the corresponding period of previous year. The Net profit for the period amounted to Rs 2.5 crores as compared to Rs 2.3 crores in the previous year period.

The Board of Directors of the company has considered the payment of an Interim Dividend of 10% (100%) per share for the year 2012.

Clariant - Rebranding

Clariant has undergone a fundamental change in recent years. After successfully completing a rebranding phase, we have resolutely aligned ourselves for profitable growth. We want to become the global leader in specialty chemicals - competitive, innovative, and sustainable, with outstanding value creation for all of our stakeholders and partners. We want this approach to be visible to everyone. Our evolution of our look is a logical step. Our new branding translates this approach into three clear brand values: Performance, People, Planet.

We are placing these values at the heart of our actions. They describe the way we do business and the values that are our top priority in our interactions with each other, with our partners, as well as with the environment and society. They give us direction and define our corporate culture.

MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE: CLARIANT BRINGS PEOPLE PERFORMANCE AND PLANET FOCUSED LEATHER INNOVATIONS TO CHINA

All China Leather Exhibition, Shanghai (Booth D11, Hall E2, September 4 - 6, 2012)

With the theme of "More than meets the eye", Clariant will present its extensive portfolio of innovations designed to support and inspire productivity, functionality and environmental-compatibility for China’s leather manufacturers at the All China Leather Exhibition (ACLE 2012), Shanghai (Booth D11, Hall E2, September 4 - 6, 2012).

Under the umbrella of its new branding, the specialty chemicals expert will reinforce its commitment to place the core values of "Performance, People, Planet", at the heart of its customer focus. Clariant will unveil new products and latest developments and support tools in line with its efforts to offer sustainable performance and economy to its industry partners.

Highlights for ALL 2012 Visitors will include:

Productivity and environmental-compatibility
- Several new developments from Clariant’s finishing range will make their debut at the fair.
- Particular emphasis is given to the new Neosan® Lucido® transparent pigment range.
- The highly transparent Neosan® Lucido pigment range is a new dimension in brilliant colors in pure aqueous finishing. Based on a nanotechnology type of pigment dispersion the new range creates lots of opportunities in both anionic and cationic finishing systems. Neosan® Lucido provide both very elegant online-like appearance for classical articles as well as highly fashionable and brilliant shades without performance limitations [e.g. migrations].
- New high gloss aqueous topcoat: Aqualent® Top APT is recognized as a breakthrough in water-based finishing systems replacing solvent-based topcoats.

Clariant’s Demopol® V/S-71 for high performance, waterproof shoe uppers.

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Bata

BATA AND REPORTS 29PC GROWTH IN Q2 NET PROFIT

Footwear retailer and manufacturer, Bata India has reported its financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2012. The company’s net profit grew by 29 percent to Rs 5,285.2 lakh as against Rs 4,085.9 lakh in the same period last year. Its sales also grew by 18 percent to Rs 51,084.7 lakh compared to Rs 43,450.9 lakh last year.

Announcing the results, Rejew Dopiakishen, Group Managing Director, Bata India, said, “As far as here at Bata, we would like to thank our esteemed and loyal customers, it’s because of our customers that we have received outstanding results this quarter with remarkable increase in sales and profit yet again. Our focus to expand the retail outlets and our constant endeavour to improve the merchandise with newer and better designs will continue. In fact such great response from our customers for the ever-improving product range is very encouraging.”

He further added that the company launched a new campaign ‘Discover New’ focusing on new and younger audiences, with an attempt to gain more footfalls and connect better with its customers.

The retailer opened 35 new stores this quarter based on the new large format with an area of over 3,000 sq ft. New outlets were launched in metros and tier 1 and 2 cities. Bata India also opened seven new exclusive stores and two shop-in-shops of Hush Puppies brand. Four Footin stores were also opened. In the first half of 2012, the company opened a total of 119 new stores. Bata retail stores, 10 Hush Puppies exclusive outlets and 5 shop-in-shop stores, and 8 Footin stores.

Bata India retails through over 1,250 stores located in more than 500 cities across India.

In addition to the significant number of tanneries, Brazil also gains prominence in ACLASS by presenting the Leather Space Preview at OCB’s stand (number E1/1, E24/B/BR).

The Leather Space Preview will enable buyers and designers from all over the world, visiting ACLASS, to have an early contact with trends researches for the next seasons performed by Brazilian experts.

ACLASS is a highly professional fair, gathering in the same area a wide selection of leather, components, accessories, machinery and business technology companies.

During its three days, ACLASS will be visited by a variety of buyers, with emphasis on shoes, leather goods, garments, upholstery and automotive sectors, in addition to traders, distributors, and press.

The exhibition also offers a wide range of activities such as seminars, catwalks, workshops and special events for the public interaction with the latest fashion trends.

Brazilian companies participate:

- AGRO LATINA + AMERICA LEATHER + BR LEATHER COMING + CURTUME CAMEL + CURTUME MINASIO EUROAMERICA INTL. FREIGHT FORWARDERS + EXPOtru+TTOL. GOMMA LEATHER JIB S/A + KROMATICA + LUK + LUDERKULL + PASPAD LEATHER

Continue the success of the cooperation in 2008, AShoes will join Dongguan China Shoes again this year with over 100sqm exhibition area. Series of promotion campaigns will be launched to attract international attention. Meanwhile, AShoes is organizing a pavilion of their major clients to participate in Dongguan China Shoes, creating an ideal sourcing and information exchanging platform for the industry players.

Dongguan China Shoes is entering its 11th edition and during the past 10 years, the show divided to the upgrading of the industry and is representing one of the most important shoe exhibitions in Southern China. AShoes, known as the “Silicon Valley” of the world shoe industry, is being expected by its high-end positioning, comprehensive functions, clear core value, and the world’s first industrial chain operating model shoe pavilion joined hands to provide the best platform to upgrade and promote the development of Dongguan footwear industry.

World Footwear Industry Development Forum will be held Concurrently

The 3rd World Footwear Industry Development Forum will be held concurrently at the same location of Dongguan China Shoes.

According to Mr. Zhang Hua Rong, President of Asia Footwear Association and Chairman of Huajian Group, "World Footwear Industry Development Forum has been held successfully for 3 editions and it’s highly appreciated by Mr. Won Jaebo, Premier of China. The Forum, as a platform of cohesioniness and information exchange, explores the world footwear development and transformation strategy. It has become the world’s most influential and highest level professional forum.”

In last edition, more than 1,000 industry experts were gathered to explore and discuss the future development of footwear industry, including Dongguan China Shoes Industry Promotion Forum for Asia Advisory, Long Yongtu (Former Vice of the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation), Ma Hua (Woc Director of the Guangdong Province Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation Department), Xu Jianhua (Secretary of the Government of the Guangdong Province) representatives of footwear associations from 18 countries and regions, 10 international associations and 36 China’s associations, as well as numerous world’s biggest footwear trading companies and over 600 key footwear enterprises.

In the coming edition, experts will have more discussion on the hottest topics of footwear industry, including international trading trend and further development of footwear industry in China.