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Second Corbion plant approved to produce L-Lactic Acid for biocidal products in Europe

Corbion has announced that a second of its production plants for L-Lactic acid received approved supplier status under the Biocidal Products Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 (BPR), and as such it products can be used in biocidal products. The Spanish production plant will meet growing demand from personal care and home care markets.

The production plant Purac Bioquímica SA is based in the Barcelona province of Spain and has been manufacturing L-Lactic acid since 1947. It now joins Purac Biochem BV in the Netherlands on the BPR's Article 95 list - a move which took on added significance as of September 1, 2015 when a biocidal product containing a relevant substance, included in the Article 95 list, cannot be made available on the market unless either the substance supplier or the product supplier is included in this list for the product-type(s) to which the product belongs.

Both approved Corbion production sites supply L-Lactic acid for the biocidal product types PT 2, 3, 4 and 6 (with PT1 in the pipeline)*. In addition to meeting the new regulatory requirements, the move also gives Corbion important supply chain security and flexibility in meeting growing customer demand for lactic acid-based products - such as PURAC® Sanilac - in home care and personal care markets.

Lactic acid is growing in popularity as an active ingredient in home care and personal care products thanks to its ability to replace traditional chemicals and solvents while delivering improved safety.

Corbion's Senior Vice President of Biochemicals, Marco Bootz said, "We are seeing increased demand from home care and personal care formulators for our lactic acid products. Lactic acid is safe, 100% natural and biodegradable and, as our customers are discovering, it delivers excellent and cost-effective performance. This second plant with BPR approval allows Corbion to meet the growing market demand."

* PT1: Human hygiene, PT2: Disinfectants and algaecides not intended for direct application to humans or animals PT3: Veterinary hygiene, PT4: Food and feed area, PT6: Preservatives for products during storage

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Background information:

Corbion: biobased solutions, designed by science, powered by nature, and delivered through dedication. Corbion is the global market leader in lactic acid, lactic acid derivatives and lactides, and a leading company in functional blends containing enzymes, emulsifiers, minerals and vitamins. The company delivers high performance biobased products made from renewable resources and applied in global markets such as bakery, meat, pharmaceuticals and medical devices, home and personal care, packaging, automotive, coatings and adhesives. Its products have a differentiating functionality in all kinds of consumer products worldwide. In 2014, Corbion generated annual sales of € 770.1 million and had a workforce of 1,893 employees. Corbion is listed on NYSE Euronext Amsterdam. For more information: www.corbion.com