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Clariant consolidates activities in the Basel region

Muttenz, November 3, 2009 - Clariant, a global leader in specialty chemicals, announced today that its operational management activities will be consolidated in Muttenz and the wider Basel region. This move reflects the new Clariant organizational structure which takes effect on January 1, 2010.

In addition to the Clariant Switzerland operations the business units and business service functions will also be based in Muttenz going forward. The geographical concentration of these functions in one location will create synergies and facilitate the cooperation between business units and business services.

The Executive Committee and the Corporate Center, with some 140 employees, will relocate to the new Aquabasilea office building in Pratteln in July 2010. A lease agreement has been signed on November 2, 2009, between Clariant and the real estate fund Credit Suisse Real Estate Fund Property Plus. In alignment with the new structure, Corporate Center activities will therefore also be physically separated from operational management.

Muttenz will remain the company's headquarters. The Münchenstein location will be closed end of September 2010, as part of the consolidation process.

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Clariant is a global leader in the field of specialty chemicals. Strong business relationships, commitment to outstanding service and wide-ranging application know-how make Clariant a preferred partner for its customers.

Clariant, which is represented on five continents with over 100 group companies, employs about 20,000 people. Headquartered in Muttenz, near Basel, Switzerland, it generated sales of CHF 8.1 billion in 2008. Clariant's businesses are organized in four divisions: Textile, Leather & Paper Chemicals, Pigments & Additives, Masterbatches and Functional Chemicals.

Clariant is committed to sustainable growth springing from its own innovative strength. Clariant's innovative products play a key role in its customers' manufacturing and treatment processes or else add value to their end products. The Company's success is based on the know-how of its people and their ability to identify new customer needs at an early stage and to work together with customers to develop innovative, efficient solutions.

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