

### **LANXESS subsidiary Perlon-Monofil to raise prices worldwide**

#### **Besides, LANXESS increases prices for Durethan in EMEA**

**Leverkusen** – Owing to continued steep rises in energy and raw material costs, from April 1, 2012, Perlon-Monofil GmbH is to raise its prices worldwide for synthetic monofilaments by at least EUR 0.20 per kilogram depending on the field of application and grade.

Perlon-Monofil GmbH is one of four sections belonging to the Semi-Crystalline Products (SCP) business unit of specialty chemicals group LANXESS. It manufactures an extensive range of polyamide and polyester monofilament products for a wide variety of applications, and markets them worldwide under the brand names Perlon, Atlas and Bayco. The plastic wires are used for the production of durable technical fabrics, cords and ropes with outstanding dimensional stability and high strength. Typical applications include rope manufacture, sports fishing, the paper and sports goods industries, and fences, bracings and guy ropes in agriculture. Products from Perlon-Monofil are noted for their weather resistance, strength, elongation properties, load-bearing capacity and overall resistance properties.

In addition, SCP is to increase its prices in Europe, the Middle East and Africa for Durethan (Polyamide 6 and 6.6) by EUR 0.15 per kilogram effective April 1, 2012. The high-performance plastics of the Durethan range are used in numerous applications in the automotive, electrical/electronics and household industries.

The SCP business unit is part of LANXESS' Performance Polymers segment, which achieved total sales of EUR 5,059 million in fiscal 2011.

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## News Release

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