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**Declaration of Force Majeure for HMD, AH-Salt, Polyamide 6.6 Polymer and Compounds (Ultramid® A, Capron® PA66)**

Dear Customer

INEOS, the operator of our Hexamethylenediamine (HMD) plant in Seal Sands has informed us about an unexpected failure of a site utilities unit that affects the complete production site. In consequence, the HMD plant had to be shut-down.

As a result of these unforeseen problems, which are outside of our reasonable control, BASF SE is declaring **Force Majeure** for **HMD, AH-Salt and all Polyamide 66 polymers and compounds (Ultramid® A, Capron® PA66)** supplied by BASF ex Europe worldwide with immediate effect. At this stage, we are not in a position to seriously predict how long the Force Majeure situation will last. In the meantime, the provisions of the Force Majeure clauses stipulated in our Terms and Conditions of Sale and / or in our individual agreed contracts will apply.

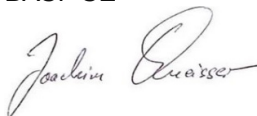
Currently the allocation details for the existing orders are evaluated. We will contact you on a timely basis to discuss your specific supply situation and our efforts to minimize the consequences of this event to your company. Please be assured that we are doing our utmost to resolve the problem as promptly as possible.

Thank you for your understanding and your support in this situation.

For any questions, our sales representatives and our customer service are at your disposal.

Sincerely,

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