

LANXESS' Nagda operations bags "Best in Class" Global Performance Excellence Award

- Prestigious international quality award won for the Nagda operations.
- Winning factors include excellence in management, quality systems and business performance.

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Mumbai, October 17, 2011. LANXESS India Private Limited, the subsidiary of German specialty chemicals company LANXESS AG, received the "Best in Class" Global Performance Excellence Award in the large manufacturing category at the 17th Asia Pacific Quality Conference in Singapore. Through this award, the operations of the LANXESS manufacturing site in Nagda in Madhya Pradesh has been recognized for its world class quality performance. The award was presented to Mr. Neelanjan Banerjee, Senior Executive Director of LANXESS India Private Limited, at the International Asia Pacific Quality Awards (IAPQA) event, which was organized by the Asia Pacific Quality Organization (APQO) in Singapore.

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Mrs. Josephine Teo, Honorable Minister of State, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Transport was present at the event and addressed the audience.

The awards selection criteria are: leadership, strategic planning, customer and market focus, measurement, analysis and knowledge management, human resource focus and process management. The Nagda operation of LANXESS was awarded for implementing comprehensive quality systems at the site.

Expressing his delight, Banerjee said, "We sincerely thank the Asia Pacific Quality Organization for conferring us with this award and recognizing our consistent performance. This is an outcome of the relentless endeavour of all employees of the Business Unit Advanced

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Industrial Intermediates at LANXESS in India, who strive towards achieving these standards.”

Dr. Hubert Fink, Head of Business Unit - Advanced Industrial Intermediates, LANXESS AG said, “We are proud of the fact that we have created a world class example of premium quality in India which can serve customers across the globe. It is our mission to achieve very high standards of quality and customer satisfaction wherever we operate, this award has rightly acknowledged that.”

Some of the other eminent award winners are Singapore Technologies Engineering Ltd, The Housing and Development Board of Singapore, Goodbaby International Holdings Ltd. from China, Shanghai Electric Power Corporation and Global Indian International School, Singapore among others.

The Nagda operations of LANXESS had won the IMC Ramakrishna Bajaj National Quality award in the manufacturing category earlier in 2011 and had also bagged the “Quest for Excellence” award by APQO in 2010. Only companies which have a quality award at the national level, in its home country and which had passed the rigorous final screening by the IAPQA Council are eligible for the IAPQA awards.

With more than 5000 products of a diverse range of applications, LANXESS’ high-quality solutions enable our customers to successfully meet the challenges of today and tomorrow. LANXESS’ sharp focus on premium quality products guides the company towards profitable growth and ensures reliability and competitive advantage for our customers.

About LANXESS

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About APQO (Asia Pacific Quality Organization):

APQO is a non-profit organization that serves as an umbrella group that brings together all of the leading quality professional societies from countries that border on the Pacific Ocean or are considered Asian/Pacific Ocean or are considered Asian/Pacific Rim nations. The governing body of APQO includes representatives from Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United States, United Arab Emirates and Vietnam. The award is sponsored by a foundation established by APQO called 'The Walter L. Hurd Foundation'. Management direction for the award is provided by the International Asia Pacific Quality Award Executive Committee.

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