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## Joint Press Release

### **Schütz invests in a state-of-the-art IBC production facility at BASF's main plant in Ludwigshafen**

- **Construction of a highly automated production and storage facility for intermediate bulk containers (IBCs)**
- **Close proximity enables maximum delivery flexibility, short transport routes and 24/7 just-in-time delivery**
- **Schütz's investment underscores the strategic partnership between the two companies**

13 March 2026, Ludwigshafen am Rhein – BASF and Schütz have signed an agreement for the construction of a highly automated production and storage facility for intermediate bulk containers (IBCs) at the BASF headquarters in Ludwigshafen. The new IBC production facility will ensure the secure, long-term supply of industrial packaging to the BASF plant. Work on building the IBC production facility is scheduled to commence in the third quarter of 2026.

#### **A supply concept firmly focused on the future**

Schütz has teamed up with BASF to develop a new, comprehensive concept for the supply of industrial packaging to the site, in the course of which Schütz's future production facility and the chemical site will be closely interlinked in terms of infrastructure and logistics. A core component is the construction of a state-of-the-art IBC manufacturing plant on a site directly adjacent to the chemical company's factory perimeter. The concept also includes an advanced, digitalised packaging warehouse that will be integrated in the container production facility, and the continued roll-out of the reuse, reconditioning and recycling of used packaging containers. "This project is

not only a bold signal for sustainable site development; it also stands for highly-efficient, customer-specific on-site solutions and the further expansion of our role as a strategic partner to the industrial sector”, says Roland Strassburger, CEO of the Schütz Group.

“The targeted attraction of long-standing partners and the investment in production capacities close to the site create decisive structural advantages for our main plant”, says Helmut Winterling, President European Verbund Sites, BASF SE. “The integration of IBC manufacturing into our material and production cycles strengthens our competitiveness in the long term.”

“Schütz’s new site close to our facility creates maximum supply security for our operations. The proximity and integration keep transport routes short and allow us to respond flexibly at all times to changing demands in our production plants and facilities”, says Uwe Lohr, Senior Vice President Global Indirect Procurement, BASF SE.

### **A partnership spanning decades provides a solid foundation**

The collaboration between BASF and Schütz dates back to the 1960s. A milestone was the development of the world’s first IBC in 1975 by Udo Schütz in close cooperation with BASF – an innovation that fast became the standard for industrial packaging worldwide. At the BASF site in Ludwigshafen, the classic intermediate bulk container is used, among other things, for the storage and transport of chemical products in liquid form; these typically include chemical bases such as dispersions, additives and surfactants. Today, Schütz operates a global production network with more than 70 locations and supplies BASF sites worldwide as well as numerous other customers across a wide range of industries.

### **About Schütz**

Schütz GmbH & Co. KGaA is a leading international producer of high-quality transport packaging (Intermediate Bulk Containers, PE and steel drums, and jerrycans). The Group’s headquarters are in Selters, Germany. Founded in 1958, SCHÜTZ employs over 8000 people at more than 70 production and service sites around the world. The four SCHÜTZ business units, ENERGY SYSTEMS, PACKAGING SYSTEMS, INDUSTRIAL SERVICES and COMPOSITES, each hold leading positions in their respective markets. The Group’s turnover in 2025 was 2.5 billion euros. The company offers its customers a fully recyclable range of products and services. In line with its sustainability philosophy, the SCHÜTZ TICKET SERVICE operates a closed-loop system that ensures the fast collection and

reconditioning of empty industrial packaging in all major industrial nations around the world.

## About BASF

At BASF, we create chemistry for a sustainable future. Our ambition: We want to be the preferred chemical company to enable our customers' green transformation. We combine economic success with environmental protection and social responsibility. Around 108,000 employees in the BASF Group contribute to the success of our customers in nearly all sectors and almost every country in the world. Our portfolio comprises, as core businesses, the segments Chemicals, Materials, Industrial Solutions, and Nutrition & Care; our standalone businesses are bundled in the segments Surface Technologies and Agricultural Solutions. BASF generated sales of around 60 billion euros in 2025. BASF shares are traded on the stock exchange in Frankfurt (BAS) and as American Depositary Receipts (BASFY) in the United States. Further information at [www.basf.com](http://www.basf.com).



**Caption:** BASF and Schütz have signed an agreement for the construction of a highly automated production and storage facility for intermediate bulk containers (IBCs) at the BASF headquarters in Ludwigshafen.

(l. to r.): Tülin Ersari (VP Controlling and Strategy for European Verbund Sites at BASF), Helmut Winterling (President European Verbund Sites at BASF), Oliver Helling (Sales Director EMEA & Head of Global KAM at Schütz), Veit Enders (Member of the Schütz Group Management Board). Photo: Schütz



**Caption:** Schütz has teamed up with BASF to develop a new, comprehensive concept for the supply of industrial packaging to the Ludwigshafen site. A core component is the construction of a state-of-the-art IBC manufacturing plant on a site belonging to the chemical company in the immediate vicinity of the Verbund site.

(l. to r.):

Udo Schütz (Owner),

Peter Otto (Project Manager at BASF),

Alexandra Seeber (Director of Global Packaging Procurement at BASF),

Roland Straßburger (CEO of the Schütz Group),

Helmut Winterling (President European Verbund Sites at BASF),

Uwe Lohr (SVP Indirect Procurement at BASF),

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