

News Release



BASF resumes energy surcharge on sales of kaolin produced at its middle Georgia, USA, operation

CHARLOTTE, NC, March 6, 2008 – Effective immediately, or as specified by contract, BASF will resume an energy surcharge on all kaolin products that are manufactured at the BASF middle Georgia, USA, kaolin operation. The energy surcharge will be modified monthly based on closing prices for natural gas each month.

This action is necessary because the March 2008 NYMEX settlement price of \$US 8.93 per million British Thermal Units (BTUs) for natural gas exceeded the \$8.00 per million BTU threshold set by BASF in the existing kaolin energy surcharge program that was established in October of 2005.

Kaolin customers can determine the precise impact on their purchases by contacting their local BASF sales representative.

BASF kaolin products are sold into paper and specialty markets. The BASF paper kaolin business serves the global coated paper market focusing primarily on lightweight coated, specialty and coated free sheet grades. BASF specialty kaolin clays improve performance, lower costs, increase efficiency, and enhance the value of customer products and processes in the plastics, rubber, ink, cosmetics, ceramics, adhesives, paints, and many other industries.

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