



Sasol Chemicals and Holiferm sign agreement to expand the market for biosurfactants

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HAMBURG, Germany, March 31, 2022 – Sasol Chemicals, a business unit of Sasol Ltd. (JSE: SOL; NYSE: SSL) and Holiferm Limited announced today a partnership to jointly develop new biosurfactants and enable the broad commercialisation of sophorolipids.

Sasol Chemicals has agreed to purchase the majority of sophorolipids produced at a new Holiferm manufacturing facility in the United Kingdom, which is under construction and scheduled to begin operations in early 2023. Sasol Chemicals will also fund Holiferm research and development to accelerate innovation initiatives to help meet growing demand for sustainable solutions in primary surfactants.

Biosurfactants, which are produced using natural materials, are key ingredients in detergents, cleaning products and personal care products. Sophorolipids are biosurfactants made through fermentation, using yeast to convert vegetable oils and glucose into their final product. The Holiferm process offers an extensive reduction in carbon footprint comparative to conventional surfactants.

“We are increasingly using bio-based raw materials to make our products, as we work with our customers to develop solutions that in turn make their products more sustainable,” said Silke Hoppe, Vice President of Essential Care Chemicals for Sasol Chemicals. “The Holiferm expertise in the area of fermentation technology and production is a perfect fit with Sasol’s position as a global leader in the supply of surfactants and surfactant intermediates into the Fabric and Home Care, Personal Care as well as Industrial and Institutional Cleaning markets.”

Essential Care Chemicals is a global customer-focused business division dedicated to innovating sustainable solutions for people and the planet. Using in-depth knowledge of different markets, applications and products, it creates advanced high-performance solutions in the following core markets: Fabric Home Care, Industrial and Institutional Cleaning, Personal Care, Health and Wellness, and Technical Markets including Energy.

“We at Holiferm truly believe in the future of biosurfactants and fermentation technologies to reduce the dependence on fossil-based chemicals,” said Richard Lock Managing Director of Holiferm. “The drive, passion and commitment Sasol Chemicals are showing with Holiferm Limited is a perfect fit, for both companies and the planet as a whole.”



Financial terms of the agreements between Sasol Chemicals and Holiferm Limited were not disclosed.