

**AllessaChemie GmbH**  
Alt-Fechenheim 34  
60386 Frankfurt am Main  
Germany  
www.allessa.com

1 February 2008

## Press Release

---

### **Ciba Wins Allessa's Price for the Most Challenging Project in 2007**

**Frankfurt, 1 February 2008.** For the first time, AllessaChemie awarded the price for the most challenging project of the year. For 2007, the price was granted to Ciba. With less than eight months from the very first project discussion to the successful production start of a multi step synthesis of an intermediate, this project fulfilled all criteria to be the Most Challenging Project.

Due to the time pressure, most actions had to happen in parallel: While the development work in the laboratories and the transfer of analytics were still ongoing, the application for a new concession was prepared. Contractual agreements for the start up phase as well as for the subsequent commercial supply had to be made to allow ordering of necessary equipment in parallel to the planning of the plant design. All sections of AllessaChemie had to work in parallel, together with the complementary functions at Ciba and the local German authorities to make the project happen. During the start up phase, the first batch was already processed in the first reactor while the last work was done at the equipment for the later stages. This success was only possible due to the excellent cooperation between the project teams of both companies.

"It was a pleasure cooperating with you. AllessaChemie is a competent sourcing partner to support Ciba's production strategy", stated Dr. Hans-Juerg Reinhart from Ciba as his opening statement during a project round up discussion. Ciba has been impressed by the commitment and the high professionalism of AllessaChemie. The interaction between the different departments was mentioned as topping the expectations. The handover of analytical methods was seen as easy as possible. The technological handover was again rated as highly professional. Most impressive according to Ciba was the technological competence of the project team. Also the handling of authority relevant questions and the speed of the German authorities in commissioning the new process impressed. "The open way of communication and the cooperation in partnership was key for the projects success" stated Dr. Lukas von Hippel, VP Marketing & Sales of AllessaChemie. "We are proud that Ciba found us superior. We have been aware that this project was and is important for Ciba to supply the market needs. The project's importance for the customer in combination with short timelines and the fact that all strengths we offer to our customers, have been used in this project, made it outstanding. Therefore, we decided to give the award to Ciba."

The "Most Challenging Project" award by AllessaChemie will be given once a year to the company that places a complex project requiring, in addition to proper project management, a high technological expertise, excellent analytics and the ability to deliver best quality in time. The race is now open for 2008.

## About AllessaChemie

AllessaChemie GmbH is a partner for the production of chemical intermediates and specialty chemicals. The company is headquartered in Frankfurt. AllessaChemie GmbH offers a comprehensive plant capacity with reactors of 0.4 – 100 m<sup>3</sup>. Depending on the product, production capacities up to several hundred tons per year are achieved. Thanks to its broad technology and equipment spectrum, AllessaChemie GmbH is in a position to develop complex, multi-stage syntheses – often exclusively produced for one customer. More than 180 reactors with an overall capacity of 2.500 m<sup>3</sup> are available to customers from the further processing industries. Moreover, AllessaChemie GmbH offers additional services such as drying, milling and mixing of products or analytics for research, development and quality assurance. The company is certified according to DIN ISO 9001 and 14001. The most important customers are the agricultural, pharmaceutical, pigment, dye and auxiliaries producers.

### **If you have any questions, please contact:**

Dr. Lukas von Hippel  
Vice President, Marketing and Sales  
AllessaChemie GmbH  
Phone: +49 69 4109-2244  
Mail: [lukas.vonhippel@allessa.com](mailto:lukas.vonhippel@allessa.com)