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## Axalta Commissions New Waterborne Facility at Wuppertal, Germany, Operations Center

**Facility engineered to meet demand for high-quality, environmentally responsible coatings**

WUPPERTAL, Germany--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Axalta Coating Systems (NYSE:AXTA), a leading global supplier of liquid and powder coatings, commissioned its new waterborne manufacturing facility in Wuppertal, Germany, nine months after ground was broken on the project. The facility further expands Axalta's substantial operations in Wuppertal and reflects Axalta's commitment to produce environmentally responsible waterborne coating technology, for which there is a growing demand.

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Axalta Chairman & CEO Charlie Shaver and Otmar Hauck, Chief Operating Officer for Europe, Middle East & Africa, start production of the new waterborne coatings facility in Wuppertal, Germany (c) Axalta

“Wuppertal has now become the center of waterborne production for Axalta’s Europe, Middle East and Africa region. Wuppertal is already home to the largest Axalta manufacturing facility in the world,” said Axalta’s Chairman and CEO, Charlie Shaver, at the opening ceremony. “The region, and in particular Germany, has become synonymous with some of the finest

automotive engineering in the world and is home to some of our key customers. With our strong legacy in the market, we are proud to say that you can find at least one Axalta coating on every other car in the region, and increasingly a lot of these coatings are waterborne.”

The new Wuppertal facility will manufacture coatings for most light vehicle original equipment and commercial vehicle original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) in the region, as well as for Axalta’s three global refinish brands – Cromax<sup>®</sup>, Spies Hecker<sup>®</sup> and Standox<sup>®</sup>.

Dr. Norbert Weckes, Plant Manager at the Wuppertal facility, explained the advanced processes utilized by the factory, which have been designed to lessen the environmental impact of Axalta’s operations. He said, “This is a next generation facility. It will reduce our waste from operations, deliver coating systems that can enable Axalta customers to reduce their environmental footprint and provide them with the high-quality products they expect from us.”

“The expansion project also provided an opportunity to enhance productivity elsewhere at the Wuppertal facility,” explained Shaver. “We installed new equipment in the existing waterborne production lines. We also reorganized the way we produce, transport and fill our products and gained synergies by combining production resources used to manufacture coatings for OEM and refinish customers alike.”

Peter Jung, the Lord Mayor of the city of Wuppertal, said, “An investment on this scale is also of great significance to Wuppertal as a location. With it, Axalta secures the jobs of its employees and positions itself for the future with sustainable, advanced production facilities. We are delighted with the dynamic development of Wuppertal as a business location in many areas. Axalta is an important part of this development. I would like to say thanks on behalf of the entire city.”

## **About Axalta Coating Systems**

Axalta is a leading global company focused solely on coatings and providing customers with innovative, colorful, beautiful and sustainable solutions. From light OEM vehicles, commercial vehicles and refinish applications to electric motors, buildings and pipelines, our coatings are designed to prevent corrosion, increase productivity and enable the materials we coat to last longer. With more than 145 years of experience in the coatings industry, the over 12,000 people of Axalta continue to find ways to serve our more than 120,000 customers in 130 countries better every day with the finest coatings, application systems and technology. For more information visit [axaltacoatingsystems.com](http://axaltacoatingsystems.com) and follow us @axalta on Twitter and on [LinkedIn](#).

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