

## BASF VOTED BEST SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR

BASF Leather Chemicals received the prestigious best "Supplier of the Year" award at the "Tannery of the Year Gala Awards Presentation Ceremony" in Shanghai. Winners were selected by top tanneries globally, reflecting the recognition of their contributions to their customers' businesses. The event, touted as the celebration of the industry, took place in Shanghai on September 6. It was attended by 250 key players from the value chain – raw hides, tanneries, machinery, chemical suppliers and leather manufacturers.

Organized by *World Leather* Publication, the "Tannery of the Year Award" is a bi-annual event held to recognize outstanding tanneries around the globe. Based on their commitment to employees, local community, environment, customers, technical expertise and fiscal sustainability, the comprehensive evaluation took 18 months.

Started in 2009, the award is in its second run and a new category – "Supplier of the Year Award" – was added this year to recognize the contributions made by suppliers. Tanneries were asked to vote for their leading suppliers, which included chemical and machinery suppliers. The resulting votes put BASF and Lanxess as joint recipients of the award.

*"We are delighted and honored to receive this award," said François Desné, Senior Vice President, Performance Chemicals and global head of Leather and Textile Chemicals. "More importantly, we are proud to know that our innovative products and solutions have helped our customers to become more successful, and we shall strive for the continued success of our partnerships."*

*"Despite the uncertainty surrounding the business in 2010, this award comes as a positive recognition of the dedication and commitment of the BASF leather team and our partners," added Thomas Sattler, Vice President, Leather Chemicals. "The best proof of all the hard work and efforts is the recognition from our customers."*



*The BASF Leather Chemicals team (from left to right): Dr. Gerhard Wolf, Joachim Henkmann, Zane Yu, Thomas Sattler and François Desné*