

## **BASF and Sport Group start global cooperation in the field of sports and outdoor flooring systems**

- Infinergy® from BASF for sustainable, elastic outdoor flooring systems
- Worldwide distribution and installation of fall protection and artificial turf systems by Sport Group subsidiary Polytan

*Ludwigshafen, Germany, October 25, 2021:* BASF and Sport Group, Burgheim, have started their cooperation for the distribution and installation of the new, sustainable flooring system with Infinergy®.

### **Infinergy®: Top performance and sustainability in one product**

BASF offers Infinergy®, the first expanded thermoplastic polyurethane (E-TPU) for flooring systems. The high-performance material has an excellent environmental profile and is Oeko-Tex® certified. Function, stability and environmental compatibility have been extensively tested and make Infinergy® a forward-looking alternative to previously used materials. In addition, the product ensures a production cycle without residual waste, because it can be fully recovered and reused without harmful residues. In the outdoor sector, the material can be used as an elastic layer for unsealed, sustainable and environmentally friendly sports facilities, running tracks and playgrounds.

## **New cooperation bundles competence and strengthens reach**

In Sport Group, BASF has found a partner who will distribute and install the new system worldwide. "The strategic cooperation between Sport Group and BASF will enrich sports facility construction with a new, sustainable solution," says Jens Dierssen, Director Global Business Incubation Infinergy. Frank Dittrich, CEO of the Sport Group: "BASF and the Sport Group both consistently pursue the goal of sustainability. Infinergy® therefore fits perfectly into our product portfolio."

Sport Group is the world's largest sports surfaces company. The Group offers artificial turf sports fields, athletics tracks, playing fields and landscaping products in over 70 countries and uniquely covers the entire value chain, including research and development, manufacturing and installation, and recycling. Thanks to its particularly cushioning properties, Infinergy® is ideally suited for fall protection flooring, which protects children in particular from injury in the event of falls on playgrounds. With its subsidiaries Polytan GmbH and Melos GmbH, Sport Group, as a strategic distributor, covers the distribution and installation of fall protection flooring with Infinergy®.

BASF and Sport Group/Polytan will be presenting their products at **FSB**, the International Trade Fair for Public Space, Sports and Leisure Facilities, Cologne from 26.-29. October 2021. Visit us in **Halle 10.1, Stand A-011a** (BASF) and **Hall 10.1, Stand C010 / DO11** (Polytan)

Further information:

[www.infinergy.basf.com](http://www.infinergy.basf.com); [www.polytan.com](http://www.polytan.com); [www.melos-gmbh.com](http://www.melos-gmbh.com)

### **About BASF**

At BASF, we create chemistry for a sustainable future. We combine economic success with environmental protection and social responsibility. More than 110,000 employees in the BASF Group contribute to the success of our customers in nearly all sectors and almost every country in the world. Our portfolio is organized into six segments: Chemicals, Materials, Industrial Solutions, Surface Technologies, Nutrition & Care and Agricultural Solutions. BASF generated sales of €59 billion in 2020. BASF shares are traded on the stock exchange in Frankfurt (BAS) and as American Depositary Receipts (BASFY) in the U.S. Further information at [www.basf.com](http://www.basf.com).

## **About Sport Group**

Sport Group is the world's largest business dedicated to sport surfaces. The Group provides synthetic turf sport fields, athletic tracks, courts and recreation areas in over 70 countries, and uniquely covers the complete value chain, including R&D, manufacturing and installation. With headquarters in Burgheim, Germany, the Group's corporate brands include Polytan, AstroTurf, Melos and SynLawn, and world-leading global product brands such as LigaTurf (football turf), Poligras (hockey turf), Rekortan (tracks) and Laykold (courts). Notable recent projects include hockey turf for Tokyo 2020, tennis courts for the US Open and baseball turf for the Toronto Blue Jays.

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