

# News Release



## **BASF's Miguel Peña appointed to RIFM's Board of Directors**

Lampertheim, Germany, December 7, 2011 – Miguel Peña, Vice President, Aroma Chemicals, BASF SE, has been appointed to the RIFM (Research Institute for Fragrance Materials, Inc.) Board of Directors.

Miguel Peña heads BASF's Global Business for Aroma Chemicals which is part of the company's Nutrition & Health division. With its Citral Value Chain BASF is one of the leading producers and suppliers of Aroma Chemicals, such as Geraniol, Citronellol and Linalool.

"I am honored to serve on RIFM's Board. The work RIFM does is essential to ensure the safe and sustainable use of ingredients in the Flavor & Fragrance industry", Peña said.

### **About RIFM**

RIFM is the international scientific authority for the safe use of fragrance materials. RIFM generates, evaluates and distributes scientific data on the safety assessment of fragrance raw materials found in personal and household care products. Through extensive research, testing and constant monitoring of all scientific literature available, RIFM maintains its Database as the most comprehensive source worldwide of physical-chemical, toxicological and ecotoxicological data associated with known fragrance and flavor materials. All of RIFM's scientific findings are evaluated by an independent Expert Panel – an international group of dermatologists, pathologists, toxicologists, reproductive,

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respiratory and environmental scientists. The Expert Panel evaluates the safety of fragrance ingredients under conditions of intended use and publishes their results in peer-reviewed scientific journals. The decisions of the Expert Panel regarding restrictions of use are also published in the IFRA Standards. For more information about RIFM and its activities, visit [www.rifm.org](http://www.rifm.org) or e-mail [rifm@rifm.org](mailto:rifm@rifm.org).

### **About Nutrition & Health**

BASF's Nutrition & Health division develops, produces and markets a comprehensive range of products and services from the Pharmaceuticals, Aroma Chemicals, Human Nutrition and Animal Nutrition industries. The division addresses customer needs and enhances their consumers' well-being and quality of life. The division provides the Pharmaceutical industry with active ingredients such as caffeine and ibuprofen, as well as excipients and customized synthesis services. Nutrition & Health produces Aroma Chemicals such as Citral and Geraniol for the Flavor and Fragrance industry. Important Human Nutrition products are vitamins and carotenoids, plant sterols, emulsifiers and omega-3 fatty acids. Its feed additives such as vitamins, carotenoids and enzymes make Nutrition & Health a worldwide leader for the Animal Nutrition market.

### **About BASF**

BASF is the world's leading chemical company: The Chemical Company. Its portfolio ranges from chemicals, plastics, performance products, and agricultural products to oil and gas. As a reliable partner BASF creates chemistry to help its customers in virtually all industries to be more successful. With its high-value products and intelligent solutions, BASF plays an important role in finding answers to global challenges such as climate protection, energy efficiency, nutrition and mobility. BASF posted sales of more than €63.9 billion in 2010 and had approximately 109,000 employees as of the end of the year. Further information on BASF is available on the Internet at [www.basf.com](http://www.basf.com) or in the Social Media Newsroom at [newsroom.basf.com](http://newsroom.basf.com).