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**Evonik partners with agribusiness innovation hub AgTech Garage in Brazil**

* Agreement increases proximity and collaborative opportunities with regional agribusiness network
* Sustainable additives and adjuvants innovation capabilities at Americana Agro Hub boosted by partnership

**Piracicaba, Brazil.** Evonik has entered a technological cooperation agreement with the AgTech Garage innovation center in the Piracicaba Technology Park, in the state of Sao Paolo. The new partnership will promote Evonik's agribusiness capabilities and help to leverage its innovation in the area through better connections to the regional agribusiness ecosystem.

“We are committed to developing innovative and sustainable solutions for the South American agricultural market. This partnership with AgTech Garage will help us to strongly connect with large companies and startups to promote and develop new technologies for the agricultural industry through open innovation”, said Diego Abreu, Global Marketing Head of Evonik Interface & Performance's agricultural market segment.

AgTech Garage is one of the world’s main innovation hubs specializing in agrobusiness, promoting initiatives that connects startups, producers, investors, academics, scientists, and other stakeholders to develop technological solutions that contribute to a more sustainable, competitive, and socially inclusive agribusiness across the entire value chain. With established partnerships and the support of leading companies, AgTech Garage’s network provides an innovation dynamic: open, connected, collaborative and agile.

“The proximity to AgTech Garage’s network of partners enables us to exchange experiences and have discussions that contribute to driving our innovation culture at Evonik. This is the concept of open innovation, where the exchange of information in this type of environment is transformed into knowledge and innovation”, said Abreu.

**Agro Solutions**
Evonik's Interface & Performance agribusiness offers additives and adjuvants for conventional and biological agrochemical formulations under its BREAK-THRU® brand. The broad portfolio of defoamers, dispersants, emulsifiers, oil enhancers, wetting agents, super-spreaders, and penetrants also includes biocompatible products for crop protection and seed treatments.

To meet the growing needs of customers in the agricultural market, including delivering customized solutions, Evonik recently opened its latest “Agro Hub”, at its Applied Technology Center (ATC) in Americana, São Paulo. The new space provides the perfect collaborative environment for innovation by combining modern laboratories, access to two pilot plants and infrastructure to conduct customer trainings.

On site, the Interface & Performance laboratories are divided into three areas, including one for conventional adjuvant formulations, one for seed treatment using conventional and biological active ingredients, and a microbiology laboratory for the development of biological formulations using bacteria, fungi, and botanical extracts.

<https://www.break-thru.com/en/evonik-partners-with-agribusiness-innovation-hub-agtech-garage-in-brazil-174988.html>

**Company information**

Evonik is one of the world leaders in specialty chemicals. The company is active in more than 100 countries around the world and generated sales of €15 billion and an operating profit (adjusted EBITDA) of €2.38 billion in 2021. Evonik goes far beyond chemistry to create innovative, profitable and sustainable solutions for customers. About 33,000 employees work together for a common purpose: We want to improve life today and tomorrow.

**About Specialty Additives**

The Specialty Additives division combines the businesses of versatile additives and high-performance crosslinkers. They make end products more valuable, more durable, save more energy and simply better. As formulation experts in fast growing markets such as coatings, mobility, infrastructure and consumer goods, Specialty Additives combines a small amount with a big effect. With its 3,700 employees the division generated sales of €3.71 billion in 2021.

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