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- Clariant Regional Innovation Center (RIC) India, Mumbai, to focus on innovation tailored to regional market needs
- RIC leverages the expertise of the entire global Clariant Innovation network
- New facility will accelerate speed to market with unique product solutions

**Muttenz, October 15, 2014** – Clariant, a world leader in specialty chemicals, has inaugurated its first Regional Innovation Center in India (RIC India). Located in Navi Mumbai, the new facility will host approximately 100 technical employees in Chemical Research and Application Development in the near future. Research efforts will focus on the areas of Surfactants, Specialty Polymers and Functional Chemicals.

The RIC bundles research, application development and analytical laboratories, business functions and technical marketing under one roof. This will foster close collaboration with the local and regional customers, suppliers and scientific partners to identify the most relevant and attractive business opportunities.

*"Innovation to meet the challenges and trends of regional and global markets is at the core of Clariant's strategy. With its close proximity to local and regional customers, the RIC India will facilitate cross fertilization of ideas and accelerate Clariant's innovation efforts toward delivering fast and tailor made solutions,"* comments **Christian Kohlpaintner**, Member of Clariant Executive Committee".

To mark the inauguration, Clariant welcomed guests from industry, academic and research institutions to the new state-of-the art facility. Martin Vollmer, Chief Technology Officer of Clariant, gave an insight into the Technology & Innovation activities at Clariant, followed by a well-attended interactive session focusing on the Emerging Trends and Needs of the Indian Market, under the Clariant motto – what is precious to you!

*"The RIC India reinforces the direction Clariant is taking as it moves into the future, providing a catalyst to unleash innovation and customized solutions for hyper growth in the region,"* said **Deepak Parikh**, Region Head for Clariant in India.

The RIC India in Mumbai will be well integrated in Clariant's global innovation network managed by Clariant in Switzerland which will ensure getting leverage of Clariant's four Technology Platforms Chemistry & Materials, Biotechnology, Catalysis, and Process Technology.

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