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LANXESS donates disinfectant to hospitals in Wuhan

- Donation of 1 ton of Rely⁺On Virkon high level disinfectant, can be diluted into 100,000 litres of solution
- Rely[†]On Virkon effective against coronavirus

Cologne – The coronavirus continues to cause new fatalities every day in China. To help fight the epidemic, specialty chemicals company LANXESS has donated one ton of its highly effective Rely⁺On Virkon disinfectant to hospitals in Wuhan and two surrounding cities. The high level powder disinfectant is diluted with water and in this quantity is sufficient for 100,000 litres of disinfectant solution. The donation was already sent from the production plant in Sudbury, England, in the first week of February and arrived at the hospitals yesterday, February 16.

"LANXESS feels deeply connected to the people in China, not least because of our 1,200 employees and eight production sites in the country," says Michael Schäfer, Head of LANXESS's Material Protection Products business unit, where Rely⁺On Virkon is manufactured. "With our disinfectant Rely⁺On Virkon we can effectively help to contain the epidemic."

Rely[†]On Virkon inactivates coronavirus quickly

Independent tests have proven that Rely⁺On Virkon inactivates a closely related surrogate of the currently spreading coronavirus strain. From these tests it can be concluded that Rely⁺On Virkon is also effective against SARS-CoV-2.

Rely[†]On Virkon is diluted for application and sprayed on hard surfaces and equipment. It can therefore help to reduce the risk of contamination of surfaces, door handles, tables or chairs during

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disinfection measures in hospitals, but also at public transport terminals, airports, shopping malls, etc.

LANXESS is a leading specialty chemicals company with sales of EUR 7.2 billion in 2018. The company currently has about 15,500 employees in 33 countries and is represented at 58 production sites worldwide. The core business of LANXESS is the development, manufacturing and marketing of chemical intermediates, additives, specialty chemicals and plastics. LANXESS is listed in the leading sustainability indices Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI World and Europe) and FTSE4Good.

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LANXESS donated 1 ton of its highly effective Rely⁺On Virkon disinfectant to hospitals in Wuhan and two surrounding cities. The banner reads "LANXESS supports Wuhan!" Photo: LANXESS AG



Boxes filled with Rely⁺On Virkon before the shipment to the Chinese city of Wuhan and two surrounding cities. Photo: LANXESS AG

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