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### Technical Support Lab

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The Mangalore site is BASF's largest manufacturing site in India and in South Asia. Operational since 1996, it is currently engaged in the production of performance chemicals, dispersions and paper chemicals, automotive coatings, coil coatings and construction chemicals.

The "Technical Support Lab" will add to the core competencies that legacy BASF Coatings (India) Private Limited has already set up at the Mangalore site. Over the past years, BASF has put in place various state-of-the-art equipment, which offers both manufacturing and technical services.

#### (01) Humidity Cabinet – Technical Support Lab

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Manasa Nanaiah and Rajkumar Murali, both technicians, are observing test specimens drawn from the humidity cabinet. In the Physical Test Lab, painted panels are placed in the humidity cabinet to study, compare and evaluate the coloristic and performance properties of coatings in a controlled environment.

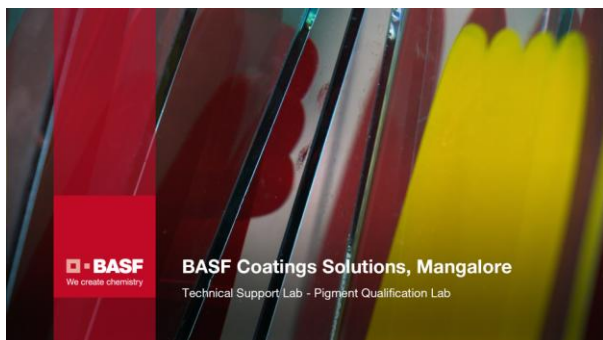


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### (02) Pigment Qualification Lab – Technical Support Lab

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As part of the pigment qualification process, technicians examine test specimens to analyze the coloristic and performance properties of the pigment dispersions. Once qualified, the test pigments are used in various formulations for automotive coatings.

