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BASF expands chemical catalyst recycling capacity and capability

- **BASF acquires Zodiac Enterprises LLC assets in Caldwell, Texas**
- **Acquisition will grow BASF's circular economy business in catalyst recycling**
- **Complements BASF's precious metal recycling in Seneca, South Carolina**

ISELIN, NJ, July 2, 2021 — BASF has expanded its chemical catalyst recycling capacity and capability with the acquisition of Zodiac Enterprises LLC in Caldwell, Texas. The site recycles precious metals from industrial scrap, primarily chemical catalysts, and will complement BASF's existing precious metal recycling operations in Seneca, South Carolina. It will also provide increased smelting capacity in North America. Additional personnel will be hired to expand the site's production capabilities.

"This investment allows us to meet the increased customer demand for recycling spent chemical and automotive catalysts," said Tim Ingle, Vice President, BASF Precious Metals Refining, Chemicals & Battery Recycling. "We are proud to enable the circular economy since recycling metal emits as much as 90 percent less CO₂ than refining primary metal from a mine."

The additional smelting capacity at the Caldwell site will help utilize the recently announced refinery expansion in Seneca. Recycled catalysts go through smelting and are then refined to produce the high purity precious metal needed to make fresh catalysts.

To learn more about BASF's recycling business, visit www.catalysts.basf.com/pgm and to apply for an open position in South Carolina, visit www.basf.us/sc.

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