

## **Spectrum Chemical to Provide BASF Catalysts in Research Quantities to Pharmaceutical Customers in North America**

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**NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ, NOVEMBER 14, 2017** – [Spectrum Chemical Manufacturing Corporation](#), a leading U.S. chemical manufacturer and distributor, has entered into an agreement with [BASF Corporation](#), the largest affiliate of BASF SE and the second largest producer and marketer of chemicals and related products in North America, to provide precious-metal-containing powder catalysts in research quantities to pharmaceutical customers in North America. The agreement will enable customers making next-generation product breakthroughs to speed up commercialization and scale-up production.

In today's marketplace when pharmaceutical researchers discover an innovative ingredient combination they need to scale up quickly. This agreement brings together Spectrum's extensive customer network with BASF scale-up-ready catalysts, so the materials can be considered early in the development phase.

"We are excited to add these proven catalysts to our industry-leading chemistry portfolio," said Randy Burg, President and CEO of Spectrum. "Our broad network of customers will receive access to products from the global leader in catalysts, but in the smaller quantities they need for early product development throughout North America."

Spectrum will now offer 26 BASF catalysts consisting of precious metals such as palladium, platinum, rhodium and ruthenium, with carriers of carbon, alumina and calcium carbonate.

"When a company needs to move from a lab environment to commercial scale, speed is of the essence," said Birkin Weith, Americas Regional Sales Director, Chemical Catalysts and Adsorbents, BASF. "Our collaboration will provide customers who rely on efficient catalytic processes with BASF's proven catalysts in the early stages of the development process. And when the time comes, BASF will be able to supply customers globally with industrial quantities of the respective catalysts because we have precious metal powder catalysts production sites in the U.S., Europe and Asia – ultimately increasing speed to market significantly."

### **About Spectrum Chemical Mfg. Corp.**

Established in 1971, Spectrum Chemical Mfg. Corp. is a leading global manufacturer and distributor of fine chemicals, laboratory equipment and supplies. One of the best known chemical companies in the U.S., Spectrum manufactures and distributes the largest offering of USP chemicals in the world, including laboratory, scale up and bulk quantities. The company provides fine chemicals, equipment and supplies to a wide range of industries. Bicoastal cGMP facilities are FDA registered and inspected, with additional certification to the ISO 9001:2015 standard.

Spectrum is known for extensive laboratory testing with the highest standards and most modern instrumentation in the industry in both its New Jersey and California laboratories. The company's extensive scientific documentation provides the change control needed for the quality-driven industries Spectrum serves. Spectrum is committed to providing customers the highest quality products with the best service at a competitive price. For more information, visit [Spectrum Chemical.com](http://Spectrum Chemical.com).

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