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Maximilian Becker new head of BASF's vegetable seeds business

Nunhem, The Netherlands – September 21, 2022 – **Maximilian Becker (36)**, Managing Director of BASF Portuguesa will take the lead of BASF's global vegetable seeds business as Senior Vice President, operating in the market under the Nunhems[®] brand. As of October 1, 2022, he will succeed the current head, **Vicente Navarro (61)** who retires after 37 years of dedication to this business.

“It is a huge honor for me to step into Vicente Navarro's footsteps. For so many years he has shaped not only our business but also the vegetable seeds industry,” said Maximilian Becker. “I look forward to working with an excellent and experienced team and continue dedicating all our efforts to pursue our business purpose – making healthy eating enjoyable and sustainable. I truly believe this business has a tremendous future in providing solutions to one of the world's most relevant topic: healthy nutrition”.

Maximilian Becker was born in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, in 1986. He studied Economics and Law at the EBS University in Wiesbaden, Germany and at INSEAD Fontainebleau, France. He holds a Master in International Business from ESADE, Barcelona, Spain. Maximilian Becker joined BASF in 2013. He has worked in several positions in BASF's Nutrition & Health division, leading strategic projects and as Chief of Staff to a Board Member. Since 2018 he is Managing Director of BASF Portuguesa Lda., Lisbon and Head of Country Management Agricultural Solutions in Portugal. Before starting his career at BASF, Maximilian Becker gathered experience in Consulting companies.

Maximilian Becker's CV can be found [here](#).

About BASF's Agricultural Solutions division

Farming is fundamental to provide enough healthy and affordable food for a rapidly growing population while reducing environmental impacts. Working with partners and agricultural experts and by integrating sustainability criteria into all business decisions, we help farmers to create a positive impact on sustainable agriculture. That's why we invest in a strong R&D pipeline, connecting innovative thinking with practical action in the field. Our portfolio comprises seeds and specifically selected plant traits, chemical and biological crop protection, solutions for soil management, plant health, pest control and digital farming. With expert teams in the lab, field, office and in production, we strive to find the right balance for success – for farmers, agriculture and future generations. In 2021, our division generated sales of €8.2 billion. For more information, please visit www.agriculture.basf.com or any of our social media channels.

About BASF

At BASF, we create chemistry for a sustainable future. We combine economic success with environmental protection and social responsibility. Around 111,000 employees in the BASF Group contribute to the success of our customers in nearly all sectors and almost every country in the world. Our portfolio comprises six segments: Chemicals, Materials, Industrial Solutions, Surface Technologies, Nutrition & Care and Agricultural Solutions. BASF generated sales of €78.6 billion in 2021. BASF shares are traded on the stock exchange in Frankfurt (BAS) and as American Depositary Receipts (BASFY) in the U.S. Further information at www.basf.com/global/en.html.