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Third-quarter results significantly above previous year:

\* Sales EUR15.8 billion, EBIT before special items EUR2.2 billion, EBIT  
EUR2.15 billion

Expectations for full year 2010:

\* Sales approximately EUR63 billion and EBIT before special items more than  
EUR8 billion

Outlook:

\* Stable business development in coming months

\* Uncertainties in general economic development due to winding down of  
national stimulus programs, high levels of national debt in many countries,  
volatile raw material and foreign exchange markets and increasing trade  
barriers

Ludwigshafen, Germany – October 20, 2010 – BASF today announced first  
figures for the third quarter of 2010 and raised its outlook for the full  
year. Compared with the same quarter of the previous year, third-quarter  
sales increased 23% to EUR15.8 billion, EBIT before special items rose 77%  
to EUR2.2 billion and EBIT increased 122% to EUR2.15 billion. The figures  
are at the same high level of the second quarter of 2010.

Sales in the first nine months of 2010 rose 27% to EUR47.5 billion, EBIT  
before special item increased 89% to EUR6.4 billion and EBIT by 127% to  
EUR6.1 billion.

For the fourth quarter, the company expects the good business development  
to continue and has raised its outlook for the current year. For 2010, BASF  
expects sales of around EUR63 billion and EBIT before special items of over  
EUR8 billion. This exceeds the peak levels of the years 2007 and 2008.

The record figures reflect the dynamics in BASF's businesses, its improved  
portfolio and operational excellence which have been able to show their  
full impact in the current favorable economic environment. This is also  
reflected in the high level of the company's nine-month operating cash flow  
of EUR5.3 billion.

In spite of the current good results, BASF sees a number of uncertainties  
in the long-term economic outlook. The positive economic development of the  
past months will not necessarily continue at the same pace in 2011. Risks  
also remain which could jeopardize a sustainable recovery. The high debt  
level of many countries threatens the stability of the financial and  
banking systems. The necessary reduction in government spending and the  
winding down of national stimulus programs could dampen overall demand.  
Risks are also associated with volatile raw material and foreign currency  
markets, overcapacities, growing geopolitical tensions and protectionism  
through new trade barriers.

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