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# LANXESS donates one million liters of disinfectant solution

- Delivery to 13 severely affected countries
- Disinfectant Rely<sup>+</sup>On Virkon effective against coronavirus

**Cologne** – Specialty chemicals company LANXESS is donating ten metric tons of its highly effective disinfectant Rely<sup>+</sup>On Virkon to hospitals, authorities and public institutions in 13 countries around the world. The powder disinfectant is diluted with water on site and is sufficient for one million liters of disinfectant solution. It can be used to disinfect hard surfaces and equipment, for example in hospitals.

"We want to help contain the global spread of the coronavirus. With our disinfectant Rely<sup>†</sup>On Virkon we can effectively contribute to this cause," said Anno Borkowsky, member of the Board of Management of LANXESS. "Many people, such as hospital employees, are currently risking their own health to save the lives of others. With our donation we also want to protect them."

The product donation is being given to institutions in 13 countries. In Europe, the product is delivered to Germany, France, Italy, Great Britain, Spain and Poland, in Asia to India, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore. On the American continent, the donation is being given to recipients in the United States, Brazil and Mexico. "When selecting the countries, we paid attention to where the demand is particularly high and where our product is registered," explained Anno Borkowsky.

In February, LANXESS had already donated one metric ton of Rely<sup>†</sup>On Virkon to hospitals in Wuhan, China.

## Rely\*On Virkon inactivates coronavirus quickly

Independent tests have proven that Rely<sup>+</sup>On Virkon inactivates a closely related surrogate of the currently spreading coronavirus

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strain. From these tests it can be concluded that Rely<sup>+</sup>On Virkon is also effective against SARS-CoV-2.

Rely<sup>†</sup>On Virkon is diluted for application and sprayed on hard surfaces and equipment. It can therefore help to reduce the risk of contamination via surfaces, door handles, tables or chairs during disinfection measures in hospitals, but also at public transport terminals, airports, shopping malls, etc.

For further information on Rely<sup>†</sup>On Virkon visit coronavirus.lanxess.com.

LANXESS is a leading specialty chemicals company with sales of EUR 6.8 billion in 2019. The company currently has about 14,300 employees in 33 countries. The core business of LANXESS is the development, manufacturing and marketing of chemical intermediates, additives, specialty chemicals and plastics. LANXESS is listed in the leading sustainability indices Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI World and Europe) and FTSE4Good.

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