

Versalis: new certified product range for sustainability

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San Donato Milanese (Milan), 16 February 2021 - Versalis, Eni's chemical company, has obtained ISCC PLUS certification for monomers, intermediates, polymers and elastomers produced with sustainable raw materials, from bionaphtha and chemical recycling, at the Brindisi, Porto Marghera, Mantua, Ferrara and Ravenna plants. This represents an important step towards the goal of putting decarbonised and circular products on the market with a new "bio attributed" and "bio-circular attributed" range made from bionaphtha, and "circular attributed" in the case where the raw material is a "recycled oil", a pyrolysis oil obtained from the chemical recycling process of mixed plastic waste.

Bionaphtha will be made available through Versalis' integration with Eni, which has transformed two refineries into biorefineries, in Venice Porto Marghera and in Gela, guaranteeing the supply of sustainable raw materials from vegetable oils, exhausted food oils or other types of organic waste.

ISCC PLUS is part of the ISCC certification scheme (International Sustainability & Carbon Certification), which is voluntary and allows companies throughout the supply chain to monitor and be able to demonstrate the sustainability of their products based on the sustainability, traceability and mass balance requirements.

Versalis' certified products include monomers and intermediates such as ethylene, propylene, benzene, styrene, butadiene, and polymers such as polyethylene (LDPE, HDPE, LLDPE), styrenics (PS, EPS and ABS), and elastomers (SBR, BR, EPDM) that do not differ in their chemical composition and physical-mechanical performance from those made from fossil-based raw materials.

The ISCC PLUS certification process, launched at Versalis in 2020, will be extended to other Italian and overseas plants during the year, demonstrating the tangibility of circular economy strategy which also aims to promote the use of sustainable raw materials.

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