

**"There are no indicators for an early end of the crisis"**

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Due to the drop in the demand, LANXESS has postponed the construction of a plant in Singapore. The production start of the EUR-400-million plant for the production of synthetic rubber is now scheduled for 2014, says Dr. Axel C. Heitmann, chairman of the board of management of LANXESS AG, in an interview with the daily Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. There is currently no alternative to another deferral of the construction, as the declining car sales and the ensuing drop in the demand for new tires are making capacity expansions superfluous, for the time being. There are no indicators for a fast recovery from the crisis, he adds. Still, the company continues to forecast an adjusted ebitda of EUR 100 to 120 million for the second quarter of 2009. In the face of the crisis, the company will continue assuming an active role, he states. After integrating the most recent acquisitions, he can imagine further purchases with a scope of up to US\$ 100 million, as Heitmann adds.