

## Homogeneous Catalysis: Evonik has Granted Exclusive License to Solvias

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Evonik Degussa GmbH, Essen (Germany), has granted an exclusive license to Solvias AG, Basel (Switzerland), to develop, manufacture, and market the catASium® and cataCXium® ligand product lines. Evonik, a leading supplier of catalytic system solutions, remains active in homogenous catalysis as manufacturer and vendor of catMETium® catalysts for metathesis reactions. Solvias is one of the most capable excellence centers for homogeneous catalysis and High Throughput Screening (HTS).

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“We developed catASium® and cataCXium® in record time and successfully introduced it to the market,” said Dr. Jürgen Krauter, the head of marketing in the Catalysts Business Line of Evonik. “We are pleased to pass on these activities to a highly competent partner such as Solvias, who will further advance these technologies.”

catASium® is a product line of chiral ligands for asymmetric hydrogenations that consists of highly variable chiral ligands and their associated Rh complexes. cataCXium® is a line of CX coupling ligands with proven success in solving industrial CX coupling problems.

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