

## **News in brief**

**Södra has opened six wind farms** at its industrial site outside Mönsterås. The project has taken three and a half years to complete, with the farms producing an estimated annual production of 32 GWh, enough to supply around 6,000 households.

“By building these wind farms next to the mill in Mönsterås, we have been able to optimise our excellent coastal position in terms of the amount of wind available, and we have also used the existing infrastructure and built on it,” said Södra Vind chief executive Gustaf Tibblin.

Parent company Sodra Cell’s sales were up 18 percent in 2010, reaching SEK 19.73bn (US\$3.23bn). Operating profit before tax was SEK 2.27bn (\$371m), up from SEK 594m (\$97m) in 2009.

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**BASF will be closing down** its production facility for the manufacture of basazol dyes at Ludwigshafen in Germany as part of a strategic realignment of its Paper Chemicals division.

In future, the demand for paper dyes in Europe will be served completely from the two global production sites in Ankleshwar in India and Altamira in Mexico.

“With this decision, we are adjusting our production structures to the changing conditions on the worldwide market. Our global positioning strategy is aimed at restoring our paper chemicals business to international competitiveness,” said Dr Fred Baumgartner, president of the Paper Chemicals division.