

BIOGRAPHY



Anton de Vries
President, Polymers Division
LyondellBasell Industries

With the formation of LyondellBasell Industries in December 2007, Anton de Vries was appointed president of LyondellBasell's Polymers Division and is based in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. Anton has been elected Plastics Europe Vice President in June 2008.

Prior to his current role, he served as president of Basell Polyolefins Europe since March 2007. He was president of Basell's Advanced Polyolefins business since July 2005 and was head of Basell Research & Development for three years.

Born in 1951, Anton studied chemical engineering at Delft Technical University and joined Shell in 1977 at Pernis, The Netherlands, where he held positions as a technologist for the steam cracker and assistant plant manager at the PVC plant.

In 1984 he moved to the UK and became a production manager at Ward Blenkinsop, a Shell Fine Chemical's company near Liverpool. He returned to The Netherlands in 1987 to work in Shell's crop protection division in The Hague. In 1991 he moved to Germany to become a site manager of Shell's chemical operation near Cologne.

After the formation of Basell predecessor company Montell in 1995, Anton relocated to The Netherlands to join the corporate development group, an assignment he held until November 1998, when he transferred to Ferrara, Italy to head Montell's European R&D organisation.

When Basell was formed in October 2000, Anton was appointed senior vice president for product and application development in Ludwigshafen, Germany.