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Ashland receives Ringier Technology Innovation Award in China

SHANGHAI, China – The innovative product Strodex™ FT428 surfactant for [waterborne architectural coatings](#) and emulsion polymerization from Ashland Specialty Ingredients, a commercial unit of Ashland Inc., (NYSE: ASH) has garnered the company the Ringier Technology Innovation Award for coatings. It's the [second consecutive year](#) in which Ashland has received this award. The Ringier Award recognizes those companies which have made significant contributions to advancing China's coatings industry through technical innovation, increased productivity, economic efficiency and market development.

Strodex FT428 surfactant, developed this year, aims to improve freeze-thaw stability of paints. This product does not include alkylphenol ethoxylates (APEO) and can significantly eliminate volatile organic compounds (VOCs). With this special surfactant, the paint producer can lower or eliminate the glycol content in formulations, making the paints more environmentally friendly.

"We are very proud to be recognized two years in a row," said Nandu Dehkne, vice president, Ashland Specialty Ingredients, Asia Pacific. "Once again, it demonstrates Ashland's position as one of the specialty ingredients manufacturers proactively researching new and innovative product solutions. We will continue to launch new products and solutions in this very competitive marketplace."

Ashland Specialty Ingredients offers industry-leading products, technologies and resources for solving formulation and product performance challenges in key markets including [personal care](#), [pharmaceutical](#), [food and beverage](#), [coatings](#) and [energy](#). Using natural, synthetic and semi-synthetic polymers derived from plant and seed extract, cellulose ethers and vinyl pyrrolidones, Ashland Specialty Ingredients offers comprehensive and innovative solutions for today's demanding consumer and industrial applications.

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