

Experience a **new generation of red iron oxide pigments** and discover color spaces previously unavailable in the market.





## WELCOME TO NEW COLOR SPACES

LANXESS presents New Red – a new generation of iron oxide pigments based on a completely new production method. The 'Ningbo Process' represents a true leap in innovation and offers special advantages in terms of sustainability and pigment quality. As an extension of our proven Bayferrox® portfolio, we are the only company in the world to cover the full spectrum of yellow-shade reds for high quality paints and coatings with New Red pigments. And what's more – for the first time, the new process can also produce red pigments in previously unattainable color spaces.

## LEADING THE WAY IN THE FIELD OF RED PIGMENTS

Pioneering developments in the field of inorganic pigments and responsible behaviour towards the environment have a long tradition at LANXESS: the Laux process is an outstanding example of efficient and resource-saving iron oxide production first established 90 years ago at our German site in Krefeld.

The link between sustainability and economy still constitutes a mainstay in the strategy of the Inorganic Pigments business area to this very day. By expanding our technological leadership and constantly improving and perfecting production processes and supply chains, we give our customers a long-term competitive advantage with our innovative sustainability concepts.

New Red builds on this successful tradition – and consistently continues it. Up to now, LANXESS was able to manufacture quality red pigments with the Laux process, however the color spectrum in the range of particularly bright, yellow-shade reds was limited.

**Our answer to this challenge:** the development of an entirely new process, which offers significant advantages over the traditional Penniman and Copperas production methods for producing yellow-shade red pigments. The 'Ningbo Process' is named after the location of our advanced new manufacturing facility on China's east coast.

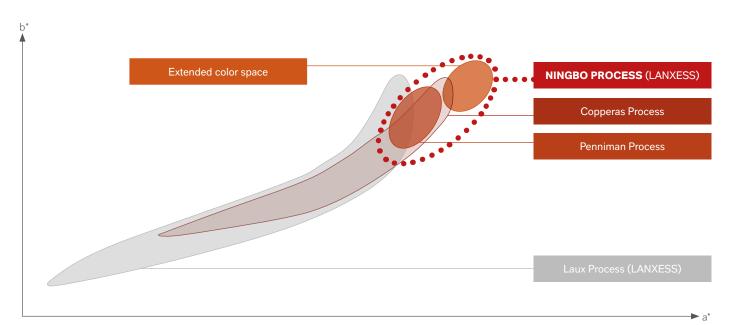


FIGURE 1 | The Ningbo Process for New Red pigment production covers the yellow-shade red color spaces of the traditional Penniman and Copperas processes as well as opening up unprecedented color spaces.



#### **WHAT'S NEW WITH**

#### **NEW RED**

LANXESS redefines the possibilities of iron oxide based paints and coatings with New Red pigments. In addition to color spaces of the classic Penniman and Copperas types, the New Red range also includes pigments with higher red and yellow values than any other iron oxide red pigments currently commercially available (FIGURE 1). This is made possible by the innovative Ningbo Process technology. It includes the use of selected raw materials, a precisely controlled process management of pigment synthesis reaction from a seed with defined particle structure as well as modified pigment synthesis.

Using different pigment intermediates, almost any target in the yellow-shade red color space illustrated can be achieved (FIGURE 2). The required color shade of the individual intermediates can be adjusted by exact control of the pigment structure. No other iron oxide-production process offers such a flexible and precise manufacture of color shades.

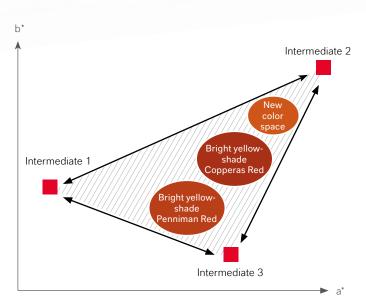


FIGURE 2 New Red color space – combining different pigment intermediates to produce the New Red pigments from LANXESS.

#### **NEW REDS -**

#### **ALL THE BENEFITS AT A GLANCE**

The New Red pigments from LANXESS impress with their ecological benefits and technical features in the areas of color development, dispersibility, VOC emissions and viscosity. Discover the most important technical features of the New Red product line in the overview below!

# RED, REDDER, NEW RED COLOR DEVELOPMENT

New Red Pigments with a hitherto unparalleled extreme of yellow-shade color space show a significantly higher chroma C\*<sub>ab</sub> than conventional yellow-shade iron oxide red pigments which are produced by the Copperas or Penniman processes – both in full shade and in reduction (FIGURE 2).

As part of the test series, chroma C\*<sub>ab</sub> was determined in a medium oil alkyd system (FIGURE 3). With the same quantity of pigment added, a significantly higher red value was detected in the reduction than with other comparable products currently on the market.

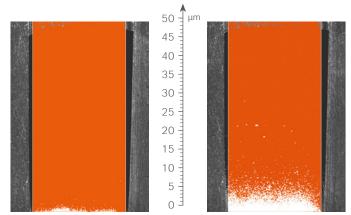
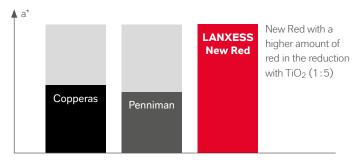


FIGURE 4 | On the grindometer scale, the use of New Red products (left) shows a significant reduction of pigment agglomerates compared to a calcined haematite pigment (right) in a comparable color space.



**FIGURE 3** In the test system based on alkyd resin, the extremely yellow-shade New Reds comprise a significantly higher proportion of red than similar red pigments from the Copperas and Penniman processes.

## HIGH PERFORMANCE STANDARD DISPERSIBILITY

The proportion of primary particles is significantly increased by intensive milling. This finishing step, known as micronization, is critical for the rapid incorporation of the pigment in the respective paint or coating system. Thanks to the use of advanced milling equipment, the dispersibility of the New Reds complies with the proven Bayferrox® High Performance Pigments milling standard.

After only 15 minutes dispersion in a long-oil alkyd using a high-speed dissolver, the number of visible pigment agglomerates is significantly reduced on the grindometer block (FIGURE 4). This has the advantage that the energy requirement for the separation of the agglomerates can be reduced significantly when processing New Red pigments.

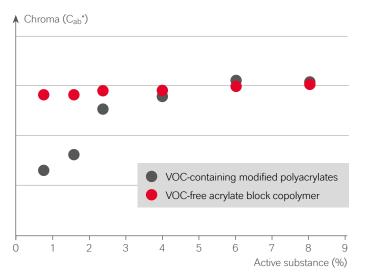


# EXCELLENT ECO-EFFICIENCY VOC EMISSIONS

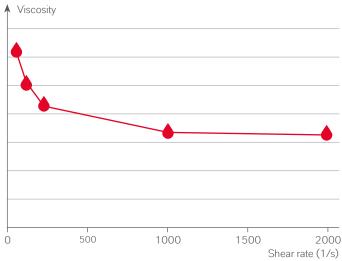
In addition to modern binder systems, the use of wetting and dispersing additives without volatile organic components (VOC) is important to comply with statutory limits. The New Red pigments bind VOC-free polyacrylate-based additives effectively and safely. Compared to additives containing VOCs, high color development can be achieved even at low addition levels (FIGURE 5). Tests have shown that to achieve the same color saturation C\*<sub>ab</sub>, the addition of additives can be reduced by up to 80%.

## CONSTANT FLOW BEHAVIOUR VISCOSITY

An important quality criterion for iron oxide pigments is their ability to guarantee constant flow behaviour even at high concentration. To assess the viscosity behaviour, our New Reds were used in a universal pigment concentrate with a pigment content of 61.5%. Internal measurements have shown that an approximate Newtonian flow behaviour develops when the shear stress is uniformly increased (FIGURE 6).



**FIGURE 5** New Reds already show good color development when small amounts of VOC-free additives are added.

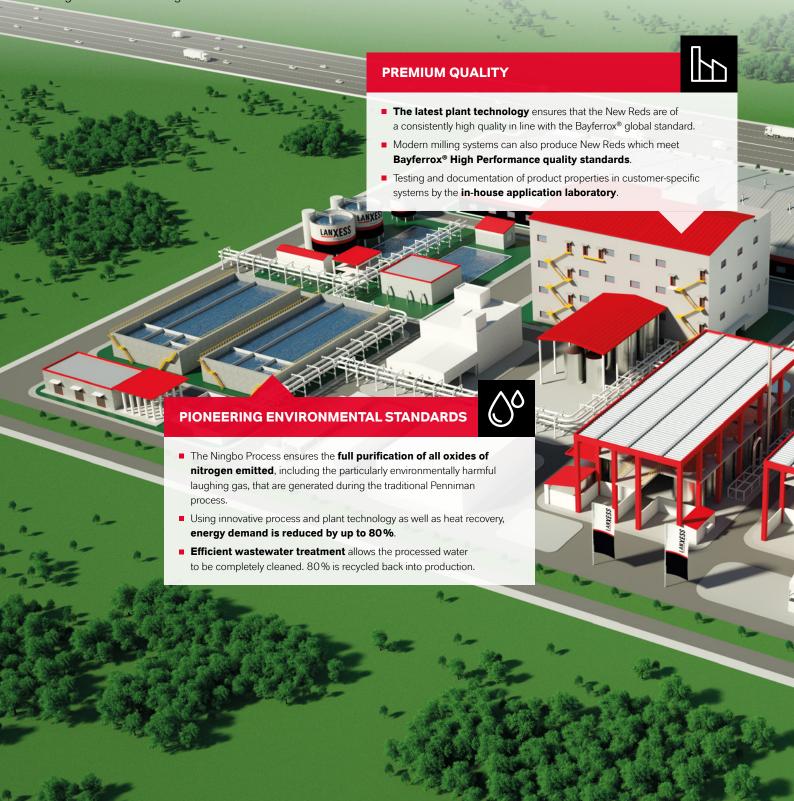


**FIGURE 6** The viscosity behaviour of pigment concentrate containing New Red shows an approximately Newtonian flow behaviour.

#### A NEW BENCHMARK FOR IRON OXIDE PROD

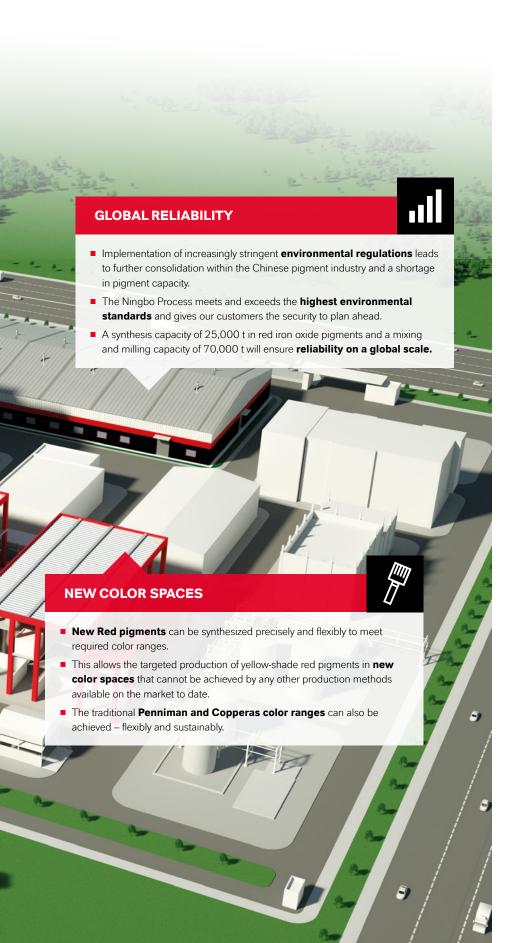
LANXESS Inorganic Pigments Group represents a consistent combination of environmental responsibility, efficiency and quality. In line with these objectives, and based on our 90 years of experience, we have once again set a milestone in the production of synthetic iron oxide pigments at our new production facility in Ningbo, China. It is the world's most modern plant of its kind and another key element in our global production network. Here, the newly developed Ningbo Process is being used for the first time.

This innovative technology allows unique and high-quality red iron oxide pigments – the so-called New Reds – to be manufactured in an environmentally friendly way. It enables us to offer our worldwide customers an impressive measure of security for the future and to lay the foundation for sustainable success. See for yourself!



## **UCTION**







**Reaction area** – the heart of the new Ningbo Process, allowing a highly flexible production of a broad range of synthetic red iron oxide pigments.



**Modern laboratory facilities** enable detailed process and product testing to ensure the world-class Bayferrox® quality standard.



**Latest storage and packaging equipment** at the site ensures a high level of quality and reliable product delivery to our customers worldwide.



**Wastewater treatment** and recycling techniques meet the highest environmental standards and exceed all existing regulatory requirements.



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