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Clariant dismissed from Shell's allegations related to the 2020 competition law infringement

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Clariant, a sustainability-focused specialty chemical company, welcomes the decision by the Amsterdam District Court on 29 July 2026 to dismiss the damage claim brought by Shell in its entirety against Clariant and three other defendants. The Court's ruling confirms Clariant's position that Shell suffered no harm attributable to Clariant's conduct. Clariant has consistently maintained that the relevant conduct produced no effect on the market. Clariant will continue to defend itself vigorously in the remaining proceedings in the Netherlands and Germany.

The Amsterdam District Court has also dismissed a claim seeking declaratory judgment of liability of the defendants for the same conduct brought by a claim vehicle »Stichting Ethylene Claims«.

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