

GLOBAL COMPACT: COMMUNICATION ON PROGRESS, 2009 WACKER CHEMIE AG

Statement of Continued Support (Message from the CEO)

Ladies and Gentlemen,

2008 was the most successful year in Wacker Chemie AG's history. At our company, meeting financial goals is not the only way of measuring success. It is also important to judge how we achieved them.

Our vision is to make an indispensable long-term contribution to global progress and sustainable development. In fact, sustainability has been part of WACKER's production and business processes for many years now. In our eyes, this is the basis of our long-term business success. We always give equal consideration to business, environmental and social aspects. Especially now, amid the current financial crisis and economic downturn, we intend to uphold this principle.


Operating 27 production sites and employing 16,000 people globally, we see ourself both as a driving force of the economy and a global corporate citizen. In this role, WACKER embraces the Global Compact's principles of respecting human rights, promoting social and environmental standards, and fighting corruption.

Group-wide environmental, safety and health standards are a clearly stated component of our management system, and compliance is compulsory at all our sites. Those responsible for implementation receive advice and support from Group coordinators.

The Global Compact's ten principles have also been incorporated into supplier management at WACKER. We called upon over 3,000 suppliers around the globe to comply with these principles, and perform random supplier audits to ensure this. The 2008 Annual Report contains more examples, especially in the chapters "Employees" (pages 90-93), "Sustainability" (pages 94-98) and "Risk Management Report" (pages 99-105).

Since 2006, WACKER has embraced the Global Compact's ten principles. They are firmly rooted in our corporate policy, and we will support their continued realization.

Wacker Chemie AG



Dr. Rudolf Staudigl
President and CEO

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