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TEN YEARS OF WACKER ASAHIKASEI SILICONE IN JAPAN

Munich / Tokyo, December 7, 2009 – WACKER Asahikasei Silicone Co., Ltd. is celebrating its tenth anniversary today. The company, headquartered in Tokyo and with a production facility in Akeno, was founded in 1999 as a joint venture between Munich-based chemical group WACKER and Asahi Kasei Chemicals Corporation. 50 percent held by WACKER, it has some 100 employees on its payroll who produce and market silicone products such as rubber grades, emulsions and fluids for applications in the electronics, automotive, construction and textile industries, to name but a few.

Within the WACKER sales network, WACKER Asahikasei Silicone is responsible for all sales and marketing of silicone products in Japan. The joint venture has seen significant growth in recent years, with sales in 2008 nearly double those of 2000. In the same period, the production volume rose by more than 40 percent. “WACKER Asahikasei Silicone is ideally positioned, thanks to its high product quality, outstanding service and committed team of experts,” said Dr. Christoph von Plotho, head of the WACKER SILICONES division, at a ceremony to mark the tenth anniversary.



WACKER Asahikasei Silicone's Akeno production site. The joint venture, in which WACKER holds a 50 percent stake, produces silicone rubbers, emulsions and fluids for the electronics, automotive, construction and textile industries.

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The company in brief:

WACKER is a globally active chemical company with some 15,900 employees and annual sales of around €4.3 billion (2008).
WACKER has 27 production sites and over 100 sales offices worldwide.

WACKER SILICONES

Silicone fluids, emulsions, rubber and resins; silanes; pyrogenic silicas; thermoplastic silicone elastomers

WACKER POLYMERS

Polyvinyl acetate and vinyl acetate copolymers in the form of dispersible polymer powders, dispersions and solid resins used as binders for construction chemicals, coatings, adhesives, paints, plasters and nonwovens

WACKER FINE CHEMICALS

Fine chemicals, biologics and other biotech products such as cyclodextrins and cysteine

WACKER POLYSILICON

Polysilicon for the semiconductor and photovoltaics industries

Siltronic

Hyperpure silicon wafers and monocrystals for semiconductor devices