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WACKER Appoints New Distributor in Germany for Pyrogenic Silica

Munich, August 25, 2009 – WACKER, the Munich-based chemical company, has reorganized its distribution structure for pyrogenic silica (trademark: HDK[®]) in Germany. Effective September 1, 2009, Mülheim/Ruhr (Germany) based Brenntag GmbH will take over the distribution business of former distribution partner Staub & Co. Chemiehandelsgesellschaft mbH, Nürnberg.

In Germany, Brenntag GmbH Specialty Chemicals will distribute HDK[®] for use in applications such as life science, adhesives, chemical industry, construction, composites, elastomers and lubricants, whereas distribution of HDK[®] for use in paint & ink applications remains with Nordmann, Rassmann GmbH, Hamburg.

About HDK[®]

WACKER manufactures HDK[®] by the hydrolysis of volatile chlorosilanes in an oxyhydrogen flame. That produces a high-purity amorphous silicon dioxide powder, known as pyrogenic silica. Besides high purity, HDK[®] is also characterised by the immense specific surface area of its particles. This property is responsible for the substance's wide range of technologically attractive properties.

The applications of HDK[®] include rheology control of coatings and printing inks, adhesives and sealants. HDK[®] is used in reinforcing silicone elastomers, polishing silicon wafers and as an extremely

effective thermal insulating material. It is also a thickener and flow enhancer in personal hygiene products such as toothpaste, and in foods and pharmaceuticals.



HDK[®] pyrogenic silica from WACKER. Among the many applications of this high-purity powder are rheology control, reinforcement of silicone elastomers, silicon wafer polishing and thermal insulation materials (Photo: Wacker Chemie AG)

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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; solar wafers

Siltronic

Hyperpure silicon wafers and monocrystals for semiconductor devices