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## WACKER Appoints New Distributor for Polymer and Silicone Products in Chile

**Munich, July 1, 2010 – WACKER, the Munich-based chemical company, reorganizes its distribution network for silicone and polymer products in Chile to improve efficiency and to create crossregional synergies. As part of an ongoing optimization of WACKER'S distribution sales channels, Quimica Anders is to be entrusted with the distribution of WACKER's polymer and silicone products in Chile. Effective July 1, 2010, Quimica Anders, who is already a WACKER partner in Peru and Bolivia, replaces the previous distribution partner Ingenieria Y Comercial Inge-Wag Ltda.**

Quimica Anders, a distribution partner with 45 years of experience in the regional distribution market and an established presence in Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, Uruguay and Guatemala, already distributes selected WACKER products from the Group's silicones and polymers portfolio in Peru and Bolivia. In Chile, the focus will be on dispersible polymer powders and dispersions as well as on silicone emulsions, silicone resins and antifoam agents, mainly aiming at applications in the construction, cosmetics, textiles and pulp & paper-processing sectors, and in the process industry.

WACKER is a world-leading manufacturer of vinyl acetate/ethylene and vinyl chloride copolymers, marketed worldwide as VINNAPAS<sup>®</sup> and VINNOL<sup>®</sup>. These thermoplastic, plasticizer-free polymers are

mainly used in construction chemicals, adhesives, nonwovens, paints and coatings, paper, carpets and textiles.

With over 3,000 highly specialized and innovative products, WACKER is also one of the largest silicone manufacturers worldwide. The portfolio ranges from silicone fluids, emulsions, resins, elastomers and sealants to silanes and pyrogenic silica. These products find application in such sectors as construction, chemicals, cosmetics, textiles, automotive, paper and electronics.

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**The company in brief:**

WACKER is a globally-active chemical company with some 15,600 employees and annual sales of around €3.7 billion (2009). WACKER has 26 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 BIOSOLUTIONS**

Biotech products, such as cyclodextrins, cysteine and biologics, as well as fine chemicals and polyvinyl acetate solid resins

**WACKER POLYSILICON**

Polysilicon for the semiconductor and photovoltaics industries

**Siltronic**

Hyperpure silicon wafers and monocrystals for semiconductor devices