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## WACKER appoints new distributor for dispersions VINNAPAS<sup>®</sup> and VINNOL<sup>®</sup> in Switzerland and Brazil

**Munich, January 1, 2010 – WACKER, the Munich-based chemical company, continues to consolidate its distribution networks for VINNAPAS<sup>®</sup> and VINNOL<sup>®</sup> brand polymer dispersions to improve efficiency and to create crossregional synergies. In the course of a constant optimization of the distribution sales channels, WACKER's polymer dispersion business in Switzerland will be transferred from Grolmann AG to IMCD Switzerland AG – already a WACKER partner – effective January 1, 2010. In Brazil, the distributor quantiQ will take over the distribution of VINNAPAS<sup>®</sup> and VINNOL<sup>®</sup> from January 2010.**

One of the biggest chemical distributors in Brazil, quantiQ already distributes selected WACKER products in the Brazilian market. The Dutch chemicals distributor IMCD sells diverse WACKER products in most West European and a few East European countries.

VINNAPAS<sup>®</sup> and VINNOL<sup>®</sup> dispersions are chiefly used as binders in the construction chemicals, adhesives, nonwovens, paints and coatings, paper, carpets and textiles industries.

### **VINNAPAS<sup>®</sup> and VINNOL<sup>®</sup> Dispersions**

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

used in a multitude of different industries: their uses include adhesives, nonwovens, paints and coatings, paper, construction materials, carpets and textiles. WACKER has dispersion production sites in Germany, China, Korea and the USA, as well as a global sales network and technical centers in all key regions.

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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, PVAc solid resins, 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