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SEPAWA 2009 WACKER Showcases Innovative Silicone- Based Antifoam Powder

Munich, August 5, 2009 – WACKER, the Munich-based chemical company, will be showcasing an innovative silicone antifoam agent for powder detergents at the 56th SEPAWA Congress in Würzburg, Germany, from October 14 to 16, 2009. Marketed as SILFOAM® SP 150, this white, powder additive efficiently regulates foaming within a very broad temperature range. It also exhibits excellent flow and processing properties, combined with a high bulk density. SILFOAM® SP 150 was formulated without starch-based additives, making it highly versatile.

SILFOAM® SP 150 is a silicone antifoam powder that inhibits foam formation persistently and extremely efficiently. Its action is largely unaffected by temperature: effective foam control begins right in the low-temperature range and is not impaired by high temperatures either. SILFOAM® SP 150 is therefore ideal both for low-temperature detergent formulations and general-purpose detergents.

Versatile and flexible, SILFOAM® SP 150 can be used as an antifoam agent on its own or with soap. Combinations of the antifoam agent with a broad variety of different powder detergent formulations are possible. SILFOAM® SP 150 is also a suitable general-purpose foam-control additive for other powder products that foam when applied or

when they dissolve, such as granular cleaning and plant-protection agents.

The antifoam is easy to use. In most cases, 0.5 – 2.5% SILFOAM® SP 150 is sufficient. If a particularly exact or very low dosage is required, the product can be mixed with sodium sulfate or another carrier beforehand. SILFOAM® SP 150 has a long shelf life. When the agent is stored in its tightly sealed original container at max. 30°C, its effectiveness will not diminish, even after twelve months.

Visit WACKER at the 56th SEPAWA Congress, Booth 18a.



WACKER SILICONES' innovative silicone antifoam agent SILFOAM® SP 150 enables efficient foam control within a very broad temperature range. (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