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## WACKER Reorganizes Turkish Distribution of Silicone Elastomers

**Munich, July 3, 2009 – WACKER, the Munich-based chemical group, is restructuring its silicone elastomer distribution in Turkey. Starting September 1, SolPro, a silicones distributor, will be selling not only WACKER’s solid silicone rubbers but also the ELASTOSIL® M brand of RTV-2 Silicones. These are cold-curing, two component silicones made especially for use in mold making and rapid prototyping. The Istanbul-based silicone supplier will take over the distribution of this product portfolio from ULTRAKIM, WACKER’s previous sales distributor for these products in the region.**

For some years now, SolPro has been a sales partner in Turkey for ELASTOSIL® solid silicone rubbers. These heat-curing silicones are used, for example, for fireproof cables, seals, profiles and O-rings. “So far, our cooperation with SolPro has been extremely good. The company has in-depth expertise in elastomers and has earned an excellent reputation as a silicone supplier,” said Dr. Bernd Pachaly, head of the Elastomers business unit, while explaining the decision. “While reorganizing our sales channels, we decided to entrust SolPro with the distribution of our RTV-2 silicones and specifically the ELASTOSIL® M product line as well. We are convinced that, together with SolPro, we can successfully strengthen and further expand our market position in mold making.”

**ELASTOSIL® RTV-2 Silicone Rubber**

RTV-2 silicones have diverse uses as sealants, adhesives, and as encapsulation and coating compounds. Hence, they are applied in a wide variety of industrial areas, including the automotive, electronic, construction and domestic appliance industries, as well as in the fields of mechanical and medical engineering. A common material in mold making, RTV-2 silicones are characterized by their ease of processing at room temperature without the need for complex equipment, their high permanent elasticity, excellent release properties and their extreme fidelity of reproduction. In both industry and the skilled trades, their high stability to casting materials makes them ideal for creating large numbers of reproductions.

**WACKER SILICONES**

WACKER SILICONES is one of the largest silicone manufacturers worldwide with over 3,000 highly specialized and innovative products. The division's portfolio ranges from silicone fluids, emulsions, resins, elastomers and sealants to silanes and pyrogenic silicas. These products stand out due to their significant value-adding potential – enhancing both the benefits and performance of customers' end products. Products from WACKER SILICONES find application in such sectors as construction, chemicals, cosmetics, textiles, automotive, paper and electronics. In 2008, WACKER SILICONES generated some 32% of Group sales.

**SolPro**

Headquartered in Istanbul, SolPro Danismanlik Kimya San. ve Tic. Ltd. Sti, is one of the leading suppliers of silicone raw materials, high-performance elastomer silicones and complementary products to

customers in Turkey. The company serves a large number of industries such as the domestic appliance, automotive, electric, electronic, mold making, construction and cable industries, and delivers innovative solutions and products with additional value-adding potential. As a distributor and compounder, SolPro's chief strength lies in improving its customers' supply chain, ranging from logistics to product development and process engineering.

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**The company in brief:**

WACKER is a globally active chemical company with some 15,000 employees and annual sales of around €3.78 billion (2007). 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