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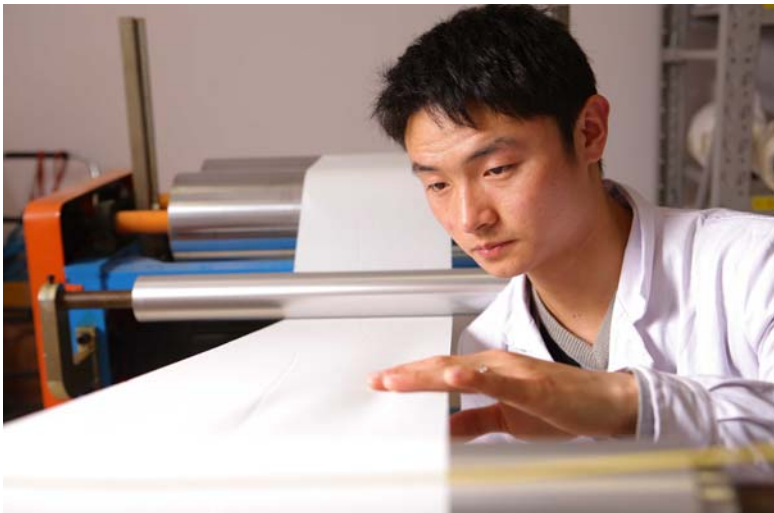
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Expansion of WACKER's Shanghai Technical Center Now Completed

Munich/Shanghai, May 12, 2009 – The Munich-based chemical Group WACKER has recently finished expansion of its Shanghai Technical Center located at Shanghai Zhangjiang Hi-Tech Park. The facility now houses over ten labs for WACKER's silicone and polymer activities, serving a wide range of industries from construction, coatings and adhesives to electronics, textile, cosmetics and home care. The €1 million investment is intended to boost the company's local research & development competency and ensure optimum customer support on the Chinese market.

The expansion of the technical center has doubled the total floor space to 3,400 m². All labs have been enlarged and modernized. Moreover, several new labs have been set up to meet growing market needs, for example of the VAE dispersions, construction, personal & household care, pulp and paper industries. Not only have the center's testing, training and application development capacities been enhanced, but its local product customization and development capability has also been given a significant boost. As the sales office and technical center are now under one roof, the sales and development teams can collaborate more closely to deliver optimum customer support.

The center's expansion is another milestone in WACKER's long-term development strategy in Asia and especially China. "Even though the economy is going through challenging times right now, WACKER's commitment to the Chinese market remains unchanged", says Dr. Peter von Zumbusch, President of WACKER Chemicals Greater China. "We will continue to develop the existing local facilities and business here by making more investments in the coming years."



WACKER Shanghai Technical Center: Preparing a tissue sample treated with silicone softener in the new pulp, paper & tissue lab (photo: Wacker Chemicals (China) Co., Ltd.).



The new Technical Center in Shanghai significantly boosts WACKER's local R&D competency and optimal customer support to Chinese market (photo: Wacker Chemicals (China) Co., Ltd.).



WACKER Shanghai Technical Center: Testing scrub resistance of a novel environmentally-friendly interior paint based on WACKER VAE dispersions in the new polymer dispersion lab (photo: Wacker Chemicals (China) Co., Ltd.).

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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