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New Names for Dispersions: WACKER POLYMERS Extends Its VINNAPAS® and VINNOL® Portfolio

Munich, January 21, 2009 – WACKER POLYMERS is to change the name of its Airflex®, Flexbond®, Flexcryl® and Vinac® products. Effective January 26, 2009, all vinyl acetate homopolymer, vinyl acetate-ethylene and acrylic copolymer grades will be known as VINNAPAS®. All copolymer dispersions that contain vinyl chloride will be renamed VINNOL®. The aim is to simplify communications with customers, distributors and research facilities worldwide via a uniform nomenclature. Another aim of rebranding these products as VINNAPAS® and VINNOL® – trademarks that are well established internationally – is to further boost product recognition and customer acceptance.

WACKER POLYMERS is a world-leading manufacturer of vinyl acetate-ethylene and vinyl chloride copolymers used mainly as binders in the construction-chemical, adhesive, nonwoven, paint, surface-coating, paper, carpet and textile industries.

Last year, WACKER acquired Air Products and Chemicals Inc.'s shares in Air Products Polymers (APP) and Wacker Polymer Systems (WPS), its two former joint ventures. APP and WPS are now fully integrated into the WACKER Group.

The former APP product names are now being replaced by WACKER POLYMERS' uniform designations for its established product families and will be known as either VINNAPAS® or VINNOL®. The new names are intended to streamline and simplify global communications. Additionally, the new products will enjoy the benefits of the VINNAPAS® and VINNOL® brand names, which customers have come to associate with quality, reliability and partnership over recent decades. The name change took place in Asia on January 5, 2009, and will take effect in Europe and the Americas on January 26, 2009.

WACKER POLYMERS

WACKER POLYMERS is a leading producer of state-of-the-art binders and polymer additives in the form of dispersible polymer powders and dispersions, polyvinyl acetates, surface coating resins and polyvinyl alcohol solutions. These products are used by companies in the construction, automotive, paper and adhesives sectors, as well as by manufacturers of printing inks and surface coatings. WACKER POLYMERS has production sites in Germany, China, Korea and the USA, as well as a global sales network and technical centers in all major regions.

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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