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WACKER EXITS FROM SOLAR WAFER BUSINESS

- ◆ SCHOTT SOLAR ACQUIRES WACKER'S SHARES IN JOINT VENTURE
- ◆ WACKER IS EXPECTING FROM THE TRANSACTION A NON-RECURRING NEGATIVE EFFECT ON PRE-TAX PROFIT OF ABOUT €50 MILLION, FINANCIAL DEBT TO INCREASE BY SOME €65 MILLION
- ◆ CEO STAUDIGL: "FOCUS ON POLYSILICON PRODUCTION PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT BASE FOR LONG-TERM COMPETITIVENESS AND PROFITABILITY"

Munich / Jena, September 30, 2009 – Wacker Chemie AG exits from the solar wafer business and will transfer its shares in its joint venture WACKER SCHOTT Solar GmbH (WSS) to its former partner SCHOTT Solar AG. WACKER and SCHOTT Solar have reached agreement on the key points of a sales transaction today. The reason for this move is WACKER's decision to focus its solar activities from now on exclusively on its core competency which is the production of hyperpure polycrystalline silicon. SCHOTT Solar, on the other hand, concentrates on the downstream side of the photovoltaic value chain, the manufacturing of solar cells and modules. Already in the past, SCHOTT Solar has absorbed the major part of WSS's wafer production.

In the context of this transaction, WACKER will perform its respective duties as a shareholder and will support WSS with a variety of

measures. All in all, Wacker Chemie AG is expecting from its share in WSS a non-recurring negative impact on pre-tax profit of about €50 million as well as an increase in financial debt of some €65 million.

The corresponding financial precautions will be appropriately recorded in the company's financial statements for Q3 2009.

“Focusing on hyperpure polysilicon production provides an excellent base for our long-term competitiveness and profitability”, says WACKER Group's CEO Rudolf Staudigl. “In this field, we can play out our technology leadership and our strong market position with maximum impact.”

WACKER is currently the world's second largest supplier of polysilicon for the solar and semiconductor industries and has under way an extensive investment program for the expansion of its production capacities.

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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

Siltronic

Hyperpure silicon wafers and monocrystals for semiconductor devices