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WACKER DYMATIC SILICONES MOVES TO NEW OFFICES AND PRODUCTION SITE

Munich, July 20, 2009 – WACKER DYMATIC Silicones, a joint venture between Wacker Chemie AG (Munich, Germany) and DYMATIC Chemicals Inc. (Shunde, China), has commissioned a new silicone emulsion plant. It is located at the company's new headquarters in Shunde (Guangdong province) and has an annual production capacity of some 4,500 metric tons. The specialty chemical company plans to increase its supply of silicone emulsions to southern China's textile, fiber and leather industries and to further enhance its market position.

In addition to the emulsion plant, a warehouse and offices – the company headquarters – for the 30 staff members were erected at the new site. “WACKER DYMATIC Silicones had previously used DYMATIC Chemicals' infrastructure in Shunde. But the company needs its own site for further successful growth,” explains Dr. Christoph von Plotho, head of the WACKER SILICONES division. “The new plant allows us to further expand production at Shunde and to supply our customers in southern China even more effectively, thus strengthening our position as a leading supplier of silicone emulsions in this region.”

In May 2008, WACKER DYMATIC Silicones already opened a plant for silicone emulsions and process auxiliaries in Zhangjiagang (Jiangsu province) to supply the Chinese textile, fiber and leather

industries. “The two facilities will allow us to respond even faster to Chinese market needs, optimize local customer support and provide silicone products that meet international quality standards,” said Tony Huang, DYMATIC Chemicals’ board chairman.

Silicones are often essential both for imparting certain product properties in the manufacture of textiles, leather and fibers, and for ensuring that the production processes themselves run smoothly. In textiles, for instance, they confer special properties such as smoothness, gloss, a soft hand, fullness and elasticity, while offering high functionality like water repellency, easy-care behavior and long-lasting freshness. Processing benefits include easy sewability, faster process flow for greater efficiency and safety, and effective foam control for smooth processes and enhanced cost-effectiveness, without sacrificing high product quality.

WACKER SILICONES

WACKER SILICONES, one of WACKER’s five business divisions, is a world-leading silicone manufacturer 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.

DYMATIC Chemicals

DYMATIC Chemicals Inc. is one of China's leading producers of textile auxiliaries and other fine chemicals. Founded in 1989, the company operates more than 10 sites across China and has full product development, manufacturing, marketing, sales and technical support capabilities. DYMATIC's 600 employees include over 200 technical staff and 50 senior technical experts. The company is certified as a "State High Technology Enterprise" by the Chinese government and acquired ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certifications through the British Standards Institution (BSI). DYMATIC has established an industrial postdoctoral workstation to enhance fundamental research in textile chemicals.

WACKER DYMATIC

Wacker Dymatic Silicones Shunde Co., Ltd., was established in 2005 as a 50/50 joint venture between Wacker Chemie AG and DYMATIC Chemicals Inc. Thanks to the technological expertise and extensive marketing network provided by both partners, WACKER DYMATIC has successfully established itself as the technology leader in silicone softeners and as a solution provider for China's textile, leather and fiber industries. WACKER DYMATIC's production facilities in Zhangjiagang and Shunde further enhance its ability to serve customers in China's eastern and southern regions. The joint venture has a workforce of about 60.

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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