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WACKER – Company profile

Munich – WACKER offers solutions for a sustainable world. As a globally active company with highly developed chemical and biotechnological specialty products, WACKER is helping to meet the challenges of our time - from the energy transition and digitalization to healthcare for a growing global population.

WACKER products can be found in countless everyday items. The company's portfolio comprises more than 3,000 products supplied in over 100 countries, and ranges from tile adhesives to computer chips. Its main customers are in the automotive, construction, chemical, semiconductor, consumer goods, medical technology, pharmaceutical and photovoltaic sectors.

WACKER was founded in 1914 and is headquartered in Munich. The Group currently operates 27 production sites worldwide, of which ten are in Europe, nine in the Americas and eight in Asia. The Group's key production site is Burghausen, Germany.

In 2024, WACKER generated sales of some € 5.7 billion. Of this total, Europe accounted for some 39 percent, North and South America for about 19 percent, Asia Pacific for about 37 percent and ROW for 6 percent.

The company had about 16,600 employees on December 31, 2024. The Executive Board comprises Dr. Christian Hartel (president & CEO), Dr. Christian Kirsten, Dr. Tobias Ohler and Angela Wörl.

WACKER's operations are divided among the following business divisions: Silicones, Polymers, Polysilicon and Biosolutions.

Silicones: innovative partner for customer solutions

Silicones is one of the largest silicone manufacturers worldwide with over 2,800 highly specialized products. Its portfolio ranges from silicone fluids, emulsions, resins, elastomers and sealants to silanes, silane-terminated polymers and

pyrogenic silica. These stand out due to their significant value-adding potential for the customers – enhancing both the benefits and performance of end products. Silicones' products find application in such sectors as automotive engineering, construction, chemicals, cosmetics, medical technology, energy and electronics, and paper and textiles. The Silicones division pursues its specialty chemicals strategy, focusing on high-margin growth markets.

In 2024, Silicones generated around 49 percent of Group sales.

Polymers: technologically strong and close to its markets

The Polymers division is a leading producer of state-of-the-art binders and polymeric additives based on polyvinyl acetate and vinyl acetate copolymers and terpolymers. These take the form of dispersible polymer powders, dispersions, solid resins, and solutions. They are used in construction chemicals, paints, surface coatings, adhesives and nonwovens, as well as in fiber composites and polymeric materials based on renewable resources. The division's focus is on tomorrow's sustainable construction market, where its products are making a significant contribution.

In 2024, the division accounted for some 25 percent of Group sales.

Polysilicon: experts in hyperpure silicon

Polysilicon is a global leader in the production of hyperpure polysilicon. Its polysilicon – which is used both for semiconductors and solar modules with particularly high efficiency – meets the extremely high quality standards required by customers in these application areas. The division's strategic goal is to further strengthen its position in the semiconductor sector. Polysilicon from WACKER can already be found in half the computer chips worldwide. The share of semiconductor-grade hyperpure silicon in the division's total output is to be continuously increased over the next few years.

In 2024, Polysilicon generated some 17 percent of Group sales.

Biosolutions: innovations for the life-science sector

Using advanced biotech processes, Biosolutions provides the life-science sector with tailored, innovative solutions and products – including biopharmaceuticals, cyclodextrins and fermentation-generated cysteine. In the field of biopharmaceuticals, products range from pharmaceutical proteins, plasmid DNA and mRNA-based actives through to vaccines. Its portfolio is also complemented

by catalog chemicals, such as acetylacetone and high-quality polyvinyl acetate solid resins. The division focuses on developing customized solutions for growth sectors, such as food ingredients and biopharmaceuticals.

In 2024, Biosolutions generated about 7 percent of Group sales.

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