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## WACKER SILICONES Under New Leadership

**Munich, April 4, 2016 – Dr. Robert Gnann (51) has taken over as president of WACKER SILICONES effective April 1, 2016. He succeeds Dr. Christian Hartel, who was appointed to the WACKER Group’s Executive Board in early November 2015. Gnann comes to WACKER from Momentive Performance Materials, where he headed the chemical company’s elastomer and European activities.**

After studying inorganic and polymer chemistry at the University of Cologne and earning his doctorate, Robert Gnann began his career at GE Silicones in the USA in 1996. He then moved on to Bayer and Lanxess in Canada and Germany, where he held managerial positions in such areas as production and technology. From 2008, Gnann was responsible for the elastomers business unit at Momentive Performance Materials and, in 2010, additionally took charge of the company’s European activities.

### **About WACKER SILICONES**

WACKER SILICONES is one of the largest silicone manufacturers worldwide with over 3,000 highly specialized and innovative products. The division’s 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 – enhancing both the benefits and performance of customers’ end products. WACKER SILICONES’ products find

application in such sectors as construction, chemicals, cosmetics, textiles, automotive, paper, electronics and medical technology. In 2015, WACKER SILICONES generated around 37 percent of Group sales.



Dr. Robert Gnann (51) has taken over as president of Wacker Chemie AG's WACKER SILICONES division effective April 1, 2016.  
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**The company in brief:**

WACKER is a globally-active chemical company with some 17,000 employees and annual sales of around €5.3 billion (2015). WACKER has a global network of 25 production sites, 22 technical competence centers and 50 sales offices.

**WACKER SILICONES**

Silicone fluids, emulsions, rubber and resins; silanes; pyrogenic silicas; thermoplastic silicone elastomers

**WACKER POLYMERS**

Polyvinyl acetates and vinyl acetate copolymers in the form of dispersible polymer powders, dispersions, solid resins and solutions

**WACKER BIOSOLUTIONS**

Biotech products such as cyclodextrins, cysteine and biologics, as well as fine chemicals and PVAc solid resins

**WACKER POLYSILICON**

Polysilicon for the semiconductor and photovoltaic industries

**Siltronic**

Hyperpure silicon wafers and monocrystals for semiconductor components