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WACKER Sustainability Report: Environmental Performance Improves by 41 Percent Over Last Ten Years

Munich, July 18, 2017 – Today, Wacker Chemie AG published its new Sustainability Report for 2015 and 2016. During this reporting period, WACKER continued to make progress in many areas that are of importance to sustainable business management. For example, at Burghausen, its largest site, the company lowered specific environmental units (which are measured against production volumes) by 41 percent over the last ten years.

In its environmental performance assessment, WACKER converts its production sites' emissions, consumption and energy use into environmental units. These include water use and waste, and reflect weighting factors for such aspects as safety, environmental-law requirements and public acceptance.

Reasons for again publishing WACKER's report exclusively as an online version include minimizing resource consumption and thus serving the interests of environmental protection. The report meets the Sustainability Reporting Standards (SRS) of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI). It covers traditional sustainability topics such as occupational, product and plant safety, environmental protection and sustainability management. It sets out WACKER's environmental objectives, lists the energy consumption figures, and provides information on water demand. There is a new chapter about

sustainability within the supply chain. The report also features noise protection, a key aspect of social responsibility, and describes measures and projects to reduce noise at WACKER's production sites.

As a core element of WACKER's business model, sustainability is one of the company's five strategic goals. Through responsible stewardship, WACKER contributes to at least seven of the UN's sustainable development goals (SDGs).

The report is accessible in English and German at:

www.wacker.com/sustainabilityreport. It offers easy navigation and interactive functions, such as key-figure comparisons and download options. It is available as a PDF either for printing or for viewing online.

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The company in brief:

WACKER is a globally-active chemical company with some 13,450 employees and annual sales of around €4.6 billion (2016, excluding Siltronic). WACKER has a global network of 23 production sites, 19 technical competence centers and 49 sales offices.

WACKER SILICONES

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

WACKER POLYMERS

Polyvinyl acetates and vinyl acetate copolymers and terpolymers 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