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## WACKER PLACES 21 PERCENT OF ITS SILTRONIC SHARES WITH INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS

Munich, March 15, 2017 – The WACKER Group (“WACKER”) is reducing its stake in Siltronic AG (“Siltronic”) from 51.8 percent to 30.8 percent. To this end, WACKER sold 6.3 million of the shares it holds in Siltronic to institutional investors at a price of €55.85 per share.

WACKER’s gross proceeds from the placement amount to about €352 million. WACKER will announce the effects of the transaction on the Group’s balance sheet when it publishes its Q1 2017 interim report on April 27.

“The successful placement of this large block of shares underscores the trust investors have in Siltronic AG,” said Rudolf Staudigl, WACKER’s CEO. “By successfully completing this transaction, we have achieved our strategic aim of becoming a non-controlling shareholder at Siltronic.”

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

**WACKER POLYMERS**

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

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

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**Siltronic**

Hyperpure silicon wafers and monocrystals for semiconductor components