

PRESS RELEASE

Number 40

WACKER Begins Supply of VAE Copolymer Dispersions from Nanjing plant

Munich / Nanjing, July 6, 2010 – WACKER, the Munich-based chemical group, began supplying vinyl acetate ethylene (VAE) copolymer dispersions from its plant in Nanjing, China, on July 1. The fully integrated site offers VAE copolymer dispersions and dispersible polymer powders for the construction, coatings, adhesives and other industries. WACKER is thus strengthening its position as a supplier of high-quality binders and polymer additives in China.

The WACKER Nanjing site is a fully integrated world-class production complex which serves the entire product line from vinyl acetate ethylene copolymer dispersions to dispersible polymer powders. Located in the Nanjing Chemical Industrial Park, the site produces VINNAPAS® VAE copolymer dispersions with a current capacity of about 50,000 metric tons per year, depending on product mix. In addition, the Nanjing site offers an annual capacity of 30,000 metric tons of dispersible powder. It is the largest plant of its kind in China. WACKER has a staff of some 100 employees at its Nanjing facility.

“The local production of VINNAPAS® copolymer dispersions allows us to respond to the local market needs“, explains Ginger Merritt, Vice President of WACKER’s polymers business in Greater China, “and it enables us to guarantee our customers in China reliable supply and consistent product quality. The Nanjing plant investment reinforces

our position as a leading supplier of VAE copolymer dispersions and our commitment to the Chinese market.”

WACKER is a global market and technology leader with over 50 years of experience in the area of VAE copolymer dispersions for adhesives. VINNAPAS® copolymer dispersions are widely used in the Chinese adhesives sector. VINNAPAS® grades such as VINNAPAS® EP 706K have been dispersions of reference for more than ten years.

VINNAPAS® copolymer dispersions are popular binders for the construction and coatings industries, particularly in architectural coating formulations where low odor and environmentally friendly solutions are required. For example, ultra low VOC interior paints formulated with WACKER's VINNAPAS® dispersions were used in the construction of the “Hamburg House” and the “International Red Cross & Red Crescent Pavilion” at Shanghai Expo. VINNAPAS® dispersions are further used in paints, plasters, engineered fabrics and nonwovens, and as binders in polymer materials based on renewable resources.

About WACKER POLYMERS

WACKER POLYMERS is a leading producer of state-of-the-art binders and polymer additives in the form of dispersible polymer powders and dispersions, polyvinyl acetates, surface coating resins and polyvinyl alcohol solutions. These products are used by companies in the construction, automotive, architectural coatings, nonwovens, paper and adhesives sectors, as well as by manufacturers of printing inks and surface coatings. WACKER POLYMERS has production sites in Germany, China, South Korea

and the USA, as well as a global sales network and technology centers in all major regions.

For further information, please contact:

Wacker Chemie AG
Media Relations & Information
Nadine Baumgartl
Tel. +49 89 6279-1604
Fax +49 89 6279-2604
nadine.baumgartl@wacker.com

The company in brief:

WACKER is a globally-active chemical company with some 15,600 employees and annual sales of around €3.7 billion (2009).
WACKER has 26 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 BIOSOLUTIONS

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

WACKER POLYSILICON

Polysilicon for the semiconductor and photovoltaics industries

Siltronic

Hyperpure silicon wafers and monocrystals for semiconductor devices