

PRESS RELEASE

Number 20

WACKER appoints new distributor for VINNAPAS[®] polymer powders in Brazil

Munich, April 1, 2011 – WACKER, the Munich-based chemical company, continues to consolidate and optimize its distribution network for VINNAPAS[®] dispersible polymer powders to improve efficiency and to create crossregional synergies. Effective April 1, 2011, quantiQ will take over the distribution of WACKER's dispersible polymer powders business for construction applications in Brazil.

quantiQ already distributes selected WACKER products, such as silicones and vinyl acetate-ethylene copolymer dispersions, for several market segments. For the construction industry, quantiQ will distribute VINNAPAS[®] dispersions and dispersible polymer powders as well as SILRES[®] BS silicone resins. Supplying more than 700 products from chemical specialties to commodities in 52 industrial market segments, quantiQ is the largest distributor of chemical and petrochemical products in Brazil.

VINNAPAS[®] dispersible polymer powders are used mainly in diverse construction chemical applications such as exterior insulation and finish systems, construction and tile adhesives, screeds, self-leveling flooring compounds, plasters, repair mortars, grouts and cementitious sealing slurries. They enhance important end-product properties, such as adhesion, cohesion, flexibility and flexural strength. Water retention, processing properties and weatherability benefit from VINNAPAS[®], too.

SILRES® BS products are innovative, environmentally-compatible raw materials for the production of water-repellent masonry coatings, construction chemicals and materials.

About WACKER

WACKER is a globally active chemical company headquartered in Munich, Germany. With a wide range of state-of-the-art specialty products, WACKER is a leader in numerous industrial sectors. Its products are required in countless high-growth end-user sectors such as photovoltaics, electronics, pharmaceuticals and household/personal-care products. In 2010, the Group generated sales of some €4.75 billion (2009: €3.72 billion). Founded in 1914, the Group operates 26 production sites worldwide, supplying over 3,500 products to more than 3,500 customers in over 100 countries. The company maintains subsidiaries and sales offices in over 29 countries across Europe, the Americas and Asia – including a strong foothold in China.

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 16,300 employees and annual sales of around €4.75 billion (2010). WACKER has 26 production sites, 20 technical competence centers and 50 sales offices.

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, solid resins and solutions used as binders for construction chemicals, paints and coatings, adhesives, plasters, textiles and nonwovens, as well as in polymeric materials based on renewable resources

WACKER BIOSOLUTIONS

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

WACKER POLYSILICON

Polysilicon for the semiconductor and photovoltaics industries

Siltronic

Hyperpure silicon wafers and monocrystals for semiconductor components