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WACKER POLYMERS to Raise Prices For Dispersible Polymer Powders and Construction Dispersions

Munich, April 18, 2011 – WACKER POLYMERS is to raise its prices for vinyl acetate-, vinyl chloride- and acrylic-based dispersible polymer powders and construction dispersions of the VINNAPAS® brand. Effective June 1, 2011, prices for vinyl acetate- and vinyl chloride-based products will be increased by up to 10 percent and by up to 15 percent for acrylic-based products, or as customer contracts allow. This measure has been necessitated by the current strong increase in raw materials, energy and transport costs. The price adjustments will enable WACKER POLYMERS to continue providing constantly high product quality, comprehensive technical service and reliable global supply, and to boost the development of innovative product and process technologies for the benefit of customers.

The products of the VINNAPAS® brand are used in a variety of modern industry sectors, particularly in the construction chemicals market. Main applications include exterior insulation and finish systems, construction and tile adhesives, screeds, self-leveling flooring compounds, plasters, repair mortars, grouts and cementitious sealing slurries. The dispersible polymer powders and liquid dispersions of the VINNAPAS® brand enhance important end-product properties, such as adhesion, cohesion, flexibility and flexural strength. Water retention, processing properties and weatherability benefit from VINNAPAS®, too.

About WACKER POLYMERS

WACKER POLYMERS is a leading producer of state-of-the-art binders and polymer additives based on polyvinyl acetate and vinyl acetate copolymers. These take the form of dispersible polymer powders and dispersions, polyvinyl acetates, resins and solutions. They are used in construction chemicals, paints, adhesives, lacquers, nonwovens, and in fiber composites and polymer materials based on renewable resources. 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.

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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