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WACKER JOINS “TOGETHER FOR SUSTAINABILITY” INITIATIVE

Munich, February 16, 2015 – WACKER aims to strengthen its commitment to sustainable business practices in the supply chain. To this end, the company now joined the “Together for Sustainability” (TfS) initiative. Established in 2011, the project is targeted on implementing a standardized global program for responsible procurement of goods and services in the chemical industry and improving the ecological and social standards of suppliers. After AkzoNobel, Arkema, BASF, Bayer, Clariant, DSM, Evonik Industries, Henkel, Lanxess, Merck and Solvay, WACKER is the twelfth company to become a TfS member.

The initiative is based on established principles such as those subscribed to by United Nations Global Compact and Responsible Care[®], the chemical industry’s sustainability initiative. Together, the TfS members organize supplier evaluations using questionnaire analyses and audits. Thus, the suppliers’ sustainability performance is assessed by independent auditing bodies based on criteria tailored for the chemical industry. Aspects that are evaluated range from the environment, health and safety, labor and human rights to ethical company management. The audits include on-site checks, for example of production sites and office buildings.

The sustainability information obtained from the supplier assessments is made available to all TfS members via a web-based platform. This

avoids individual, company-specific check programs and reduces bureaucracy for suppliers and customers.

“By joining ‘Together for Sustainability,’ WACKER will be able to improve the sustainability of the entire supply chain,” says Dr. Erk Thorsten Heyen, head of Raw Materials Procurement. “This also greatly simplifies matters for the suppliers, because they no longer have to provide proof of sustainable practice separately for each individual customer.”

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The company in brief:

WACKER is a globally-active chemical company with some 16,000 employees and annual sales of around €4.48 billion (2013). WACKER has a global network of 25 production sites, 21 technical competence centers and 52 sales offices.

WACKER SILICONES

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

WACKER POLYMERS

Polyvinyl acetates 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 for polymeric materials based on renewable resources

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

Siltronic

Hyperpure silicon wafers and monocrystals for semiconductor components