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## WACKER POLYMERS to Raise Prices for Dispersions and Dispersible Powders in the Americas Region

**Munich, May 11, 2018 – WACKER POLYMERS is to raise its prices for vinyl acetate-ethylene copolymer dispersions and dispersible powders of the VINNAPAS® brand in the Americas region. Effective May 30, 2018, prices will be raised by up to five percent in the Americas, or as customer contracts allow. Ongoing high raw material costs, especially for vinyl acetate monomer (VAM) which is a primary raw material for the manufacturing of WACKER's vinyl acetate-ethylene copolymer dispersions and dispersible powders, necessitate this step. Additionally, a logistics surcharge of \$0.03 per pound will be implemented for all shipments effective May 30, 2018. This measure has been necessitated by the increasing freight, logistics and distribution costs across the industry.**

The price adjustment enables WACKER POLYMERS to continue providing customers with a wide-range of innovative quality products and comprehensive technical, sales and customer support services.

Dispersions and dispersible powders of the VINNAPAS® brand are applied in a broad variety of industries, ranging from adhesives, construction, caulks, nonwovens, paints and coatings to paper, carpet and textiles.

**About WACKER POLYMERS**

WACKER POLYMERS is a leading producer of state-of-the-art binders and polymeric additives based on polyvinyl acetate and vinyl acetate copolymers. These take the form of dispersible polymer powders, dispersions, solid resins, and solutions. They are used in construction chemicals, paints, surface coatings, adhesives and nonwovens, and in fiber composites and polymeric 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 13,800 employees and annual sales of around €4.9 billion (2017). WACKER has a global network of 23 production sites, 21 technical competence centers and 50 sales offices.

**WACKER SILICONES**

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

**WACKER POLYMERS**

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

**WACKER BIOSOLUTIONS**

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

**WACKER POLYSILICON**

Polysilicon for the semiconductor and photovoltaic industries