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Unilever Honors WACKER with Partner to Win Award

Munich, July 26, 2013 – Unilever presented WACKER, the Munich-based chemical company, with this year’s Partner to Win Award for its customer-oriented supply of silicone raw materials. According to the jury, WACKER helped to significantly reduce the cost for silicone emulsions for hair care products by expanding capacities and developing effective and affordable solutions at its site in India. The award ceremony took place during a supplier summit staged by Unilever in Singapore.

Unilever’s Chief Supply Chain Officer, Pier Luigi Sigismondi, insisted on congratulating the chemical company’s representatives personally. “We are thrilled to award WACKER the Partner to Win Award in the category ‘Joint Value Creation’ for their commitment to working with Unilever to grow our businesses sustainably together.” This year’s Partner to Win Award categories included Innovation, Sustainability, Capacity and Capability Building and World Class Service. Every year the British-Dutch consumer goods corporation celebrates and recognizes strategic raw material suppliers and service providers for their winning contributions.

WACKER has been supplying silicone emulsions, primarily from its production facility in Kolkata, India, to Unilever in Southeast Asia for around ten years. “Unilever was expanding their business in India and in Southeast Asia and was looking for a supplier supporting this

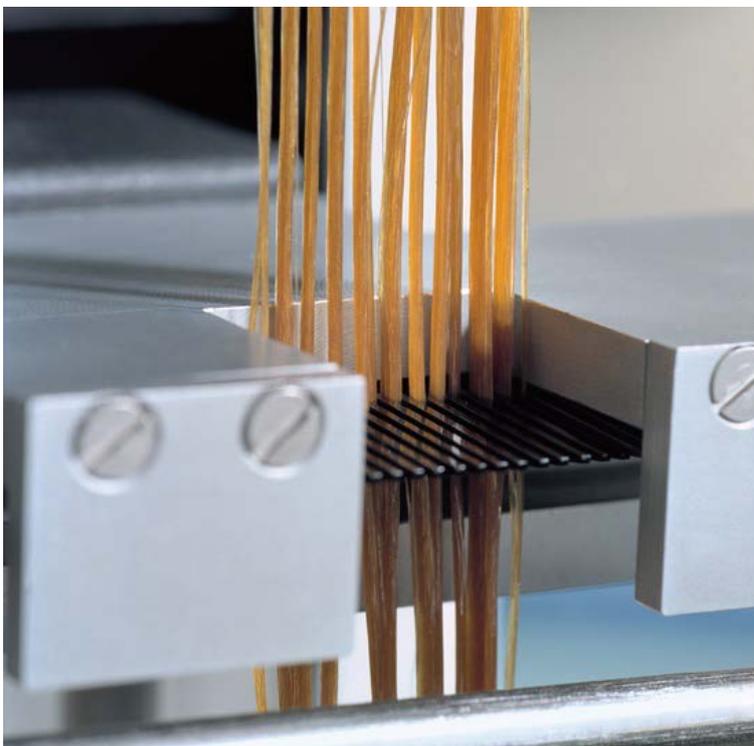
growth by providing high-quality products and sufficient capacities to meet their demand,” said Jörg Krey, head of the Performance Silicones business unit. In the meantime, WACKER has become one of the company’s most important raw material suppliers. “The award shows that we are not only a reliable supplier, but also that our products are competitive and create added value for the customer,” emphasize both Jörg Krey and Dr. Christian Hartel, President WACKER SILICONES. “We are proud that we were able to help our customer grow his business sustainably in an emerging market which is equally important to us.”

About Silicone Emulsions

Silicone emulsions are aqueous, solvent-free emulsions of silicone fluids. They are used in many application areas, such as textiles, cosmetics and petrochemicals. As formulation ingredients in shampoos, silicone emulsions lend hair a silky softness making it easy to comb after washing. In liquid detergents they provide foam control. As hydrophobizing additives, silicone emulsions protect textiles or building and insulation materials from water and damp.



Silicone emulsions are also used as antifoam agents in detergents or in the petrochemicals industry. (Photo: Wacker Chemie AG)



Silicone emulsions are an important formulation ingredient in modern personal care products. For example, in shampoos, silicones make hair easier to comb after it has been washed.

(Photo: Wacker Chemie AG)

Note:

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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 €4.63 billion (2012).

WACKER has a global network of 24 production sites, 22 technical competence centers and 53 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