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WACKER Expands Technical Center in Singapore and Includes New Lab for Silicone Elastomers

Munich / Singapore, March 24, 2016 – Munich-based chemicals group WACKER is strengthening its presence in Southeast Asia, and today inaugurates its expanded technical center in Singapore. A new laboratory has been built for developing and testing silicone elastomers for growing industries such as health care and electronics. At the same time, the labs for silicones and polymeric binders dedicated to construction applications have been expanded and newly furnished. The regional competence center will now provide technical support for customers in the electronics, personal and health care, textile, automotive, coatings and construction industry, among others. With the expansion, WACKER is increasing its local expertise in applications technology, know-how transfer and service, thereby meeting its customers' needs for high-quality silicone and polymer products in the strongly growing markets of Southeast Asia.

The region's strong economic development, particularly with regard to electronics applications and modern construction solutions, prompted the expansion of the local facility. "Southeast Asia is an important growth market for WACKER. Our sales in the region have grown significantly over the recent years, and we see further potential for strong future growth in the region", explained WACKER Executive Board member Christian Hartel during the opening ceremony. Consequently, the Group is investing continuously in its Singapore technical center and customer services. "The expanded facility will strengthen our position as one of the

leading silicones and polymers manufacturers in Southeast Asia and provide a basis for future growth.”

The technical center Singapore has been supporting customers in the development of new products and applications since 2007, taking local raw materials and environmental conditions into consideration. As part of the current expansion, lab space has more than doubled: A new laboratory for silicone elastomers has been established to serve fast-growing industries in the region, such as electronics, healthcare, automotive and household, to name but a few. Additionally, the labs for construction silicones and dispersible powders, which are used in dry-mix mortars for sophisticated construction applications, have been enlarged. All labs are equipped with cutting-edge instrumentation meeting international standards. Spanning an area of more than 1,500 square meters, the regional competence center now houses under a single roof both customer development, applications technology, and a training facility for silicones and polymers applications.

“Our aim is to support our local customers by realizing their individual requirements directly on the spot, and to develop and test innovative applications together with them”, said Patrick de Wolf, Managing Director of WACKER Southeast Asia. “With the new labs and our expanded portfolio, we are setting new standards in service, advice and transfer of expertise, offering our customers and business partners considerable added value.”

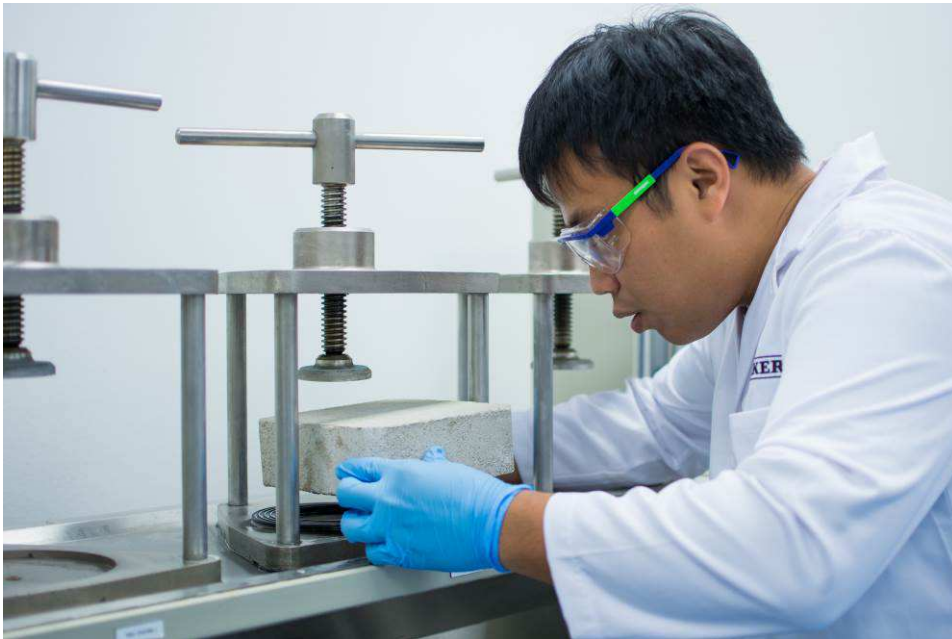
WACKER in South East Asia

WACKER has been supplying chemical products to Southeast Asia for a number of years. Wacker Chemicals (South Asia) Pte. Ltd., which was established in 1984, coordinates regional sales. Since 2007, the

company also operates a technical center in Singapore. By having the sales office and technical center under the same roof, WACKER has created ideal working conditions, enabling sales-office and technical-center staff to collaborate closely to provide optimum customer support. WACKER has further technical centers in the Asia region, such as in Australia, China, India and South Korea. The chemical company currently operates 22 such facilities around the world.



Practical test at WACKER's expanded technical center in Singapore: A new lab for silicone elastomers has been established to serve fast-growing industries in the region, such as electronics, healthcare, automotive or household (photo: Wacker Chemie AG).






Technical service engineers test products and formulations for the Southeast Asian market. Spanning an area of more than 1,500 square meters, WACKER's regional competence center now houses under a single roof both customer development, applications technology, and a training facility for silicones and polymers applications (photo: Wacker Chemie AG).

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WACKER is a globally active chemical company with some 17,000 employees and annual sales of around €5.3 billion (2015). WACKER has a global network of 25 production sites, 22 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

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 photovoltaics industries

Siltronic

Hyperpure silicon wafers and monocrystals for semiconductor components