

## **Evonik Radiation Curing Competence Centre Asia / Pacific Opened in Shanghai**

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With the attendance of over 100 guests from Evonik and other companies, the ribbon of “Evonik Specialties Radiation Curing Competence Center Asia / Pacific” was cut in its opening ceremony held in Shanghai. This remarks an important milestone for Evonik to further develop its technical core competence of radiation curing silicone in the local market and expand its foundational research in the region.

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“This RC pilot will support Evonik to penetrate more into the Asia Pacific market with more use of local materials and customized radiation curing silicone products,” said Stefan Stadtmueller, Head of Innovation Management of the business line of Evonik Industrial Specialties, “But this is just the beginning. In the future, we will carry out more foundational research here by building up the radiation curing silicone technical institute here in Asia.”

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Today, Evonik has over 2,300 R&D employees working at 35 R&D centers all over the world. In China, Evonik has built up its R&D center in Shanghai as early as in 2004, and expanded it in 2007. The hub, which involves a total investment of over 20 million euros, now has near 30 laboratories for different business areas established in the area of around 25,000 square meters, including the new Radiation Curing Competence Centre.

Evonik’s Industrial Specialties Business Unit is currently the world’s top supplier of mold release agent, as well as the first company which realized the commercial production of radiation curing silicone mold release agent. The product is now widely used in label, tape, sanitary material, electronics and construction industry. With the establishment of Radiation Curing Competence Centre, Evonik has consolidated its position and competence in specialty chemicals market. It also paved the basement for the Group to upgrade the local R&D strength in radiation curing silicone area.

### **About Evonik**

Evonik Industries is the creative industrial group from Germany which operates in three business areas: Chemicals, Energy and Real Estate. Evonik is a global leader in specialty chemicals, an expert in power generation from hard coal and renewable energies, and one of the largest private residential real estate

companies in Germany. Our strengths are creativity, specialization, continuous self-renewal, and reliability. Evonik is active in over 100 countries around the world. In its fiscal year 2008 about 41,000 employees generated sales of about €15.9 billion and an operating profit (EBITDA) of about €2.2 billion.

Evonik Industries has been producing specialty chemical products in China since the early 1990's, with wide-ranging trading relations already in place prior to this. The Group now has a total of 20 companies and 16 production sites in the region. In fiscal year 2008, 4,000 employees generated sales of over €820 million. Evonik regards China as one of the driving forces of the global economy, and we consequently intend to increase our business in Greater China to around €2 billion in the medium term.

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