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BYK-Chemie has new agent for Germany

Since September 1, 2004, KRAHN Chemie GmbH of Hamburg has been the official agent for BYK-Chemie, Wesel. KRAHN Chemie will take on the delivery, sampling and technical customer service of part of the paint additive customer base in Germany.

"We want to further enhance the quality of our technical and logistical services," announced Lothar Biecker, Sales Manager of Paint Additives at BYK-Chemie. "In the company of KRAHN Chemie we have found a partner who, for many years now, has been successfully active in the paint industry."

Relevant customer information has already been distributed.

About BYK-Chemie:

BYK-Chemie GmbH is one of the World's Leading Suppliers of Additives used in the Coatings, Inks, and Plastics Industry. Approximately 85 % of our sales are generated by exports. Our major export markets are Europe, the United States and the Far East. Chemical additives are used by processing industries in the production of coatings, inks, and plastics. In very small quantities, BYK-Chemie additives simplify manufacturing processes, and significantly improve the quality of finished goods, such as motor vehicles and furniture. BYK-Chemie is a member of ALTANA Chemie AG, Wesel. ALTANA Chemie is developing and producing high quality, innovative products in the sector of specialty chemicals. BYK-Chemie has been producing additives since 1962 in Wesel. Today it employs over 881 people worldwide, 25 % of whom work in research and development departments or technical laboratories.

About KRAHN Chemie

KRAHN Chemie GmbH was formed in 1972 from the company of OTTO KRAHN GmbH & Co. KG, which was founded in 1909. KRAHN Chemie is an acknowledged distributor in the European and German-speaking market for specialty chemicals. It provides its customers with a broad spectrum of chemical raw materials from one source. For the international plants it supplies it is the key to the European markets. KRAHN Chemie has been successfully involved in the coatings industry for many years now. It has been awarded the DIN EN ISO 9001/9004 certificate and has passed an ESAD Assessment. In addition, KRAHN Chemie supports the "Responsible Care" initiative of the chemicals industry.

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