

Press Release

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BYK-Chemie acquires RWE site in Abelstraße in Wesel

Future of the Abelstraße site assured by purchase of neighboring land

Wesel, June 27, 2006 – BYK-Chemie GmbH has acquired the adjacent site of RWE in the Abelstraße in Wesel. The site, which is currently being used as the RWE Rhein-Ruhr maintenance and storage depot, is to create room for further growth. Details of the purchase price have not been published.

The handover of keys is planned for November 2006. The idea is to build administration and laboratory buildings on the site, which covers an area of around 30,000 m². "We are beginning the planning now so as to quickly lay the foundation for further room capacity following the changeover," Gerd Büscher, Managing Director Finance / Supply Chain at BYK-Chemie, explains.

Please read the related press release of RWE Rhein-Ruhr at www.rwe.com

For any other queries you might have, Sven Kremser, Corporate Communications ALTANA Chemie, will be pleased to assist you on the above number, as too will Jagna Jera, Corporate Communications RWE Rhein-Ruhr AG, on Phone 0201/186-26 98 or Fax 0201/186-25 83.

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ALTANA Chemie offers innovative, environmentally compatible solutions with the matching speciality products for coating manufactures, paint and plastic processors, the printing and cosmetic industries, and the electrical and electronic industry. The product range includes additives, special coatings and adhesives, effect pigments, sealants and compounds, impregnating resins & varnishes, and testing and measuring instruments.

At present the ALTANA Chemie Group has 34 production facilities and 42 service and research laboratories worldwide. Throughout the group about 4400 people work to ensure the success of ALTANA Chemie worldwide. In 2005 ALTANA Chemie achieved sales of 907 million euros. Its impressive earning power and high growth rate make ALTANA Chemie one of the most successful and innovative chemical groups worldwide.

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