

## Press Release

### BYK announces price increase

**Wesel, April 15, 2011:** Effective May 15th 2011 BYK Additives & Instruments will increase prices for its product lines of wax, paint, plastics and industrial application additives between 5% and 9%, or more for selected products. The price increase is to offset significant increases in raw material costs and operational costs such as energy, environmental, legal and regulatory compliance. This price adjustment is necessary to allow BYK and its affiliates to continue offering the high performance products and services that the customers expect.

#### About BYK Additives & Instruments:

BYK Additives & Instruments is one of the world's leading suppliers in the additives and instruments sector. Approximately 87% of our sales are generated by foreign countries. Our major export markets are Europe, the United States, and the Far East.

Additives are chemical substances that are used in small quantities to improve product properties such as scratch resistance or surface gloss. Manufacturing processes are also optimized through the use of additives.

The coatings, printing inks, and plastics industries are some of the main areas of application of BYK additives. Yet in paper surface finishing, or the production of adhesives and sealants as well as construction chemistry, BYK additives are also improving the product properties and production processes. In 2009 BYK extended its portfolio with raw materials for the production of mold release agents for aluminum die casting.

BYK Instruments can quantify the quality of color and gloss and the physical properties of paint, plastic and paper products. Instruments from BYK are predominantly used for quality control.

BYK Additives & Instruments is a member of ALTANA, Wesel. ALTANA develops and produces high-quality, innovative products in the sector of specialty chemicals.

BYK Additives & Instruments employs around 1,300 people worldwide, 25% of whom work in research and development departments or technical laboratories.

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