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Rhein Chemie at Tire Technology Expo in Cologne, February 14 - 16, 2012

- **Extensive range of solutions for tire manufacturers from a single source**
- **In the spotlight: High-performance curing bladders and eco-friendly release agents**

Mannheim, February 14, 2012 – Rhein Chemie is presenting its extensive range of custom solutions for tire manufacturers at Tire Technology Expo in Cologne, from February 14 - 16, 2012. Products range from pre-dispersed polymer-bound chemicals, processing promoters and vulcanization and filler activators to anti-sun check waxes, release agents, tire marking inks and high-performance curing bladders.

In the spotlight at this leading event for tire technologies are Rhein Chemie's eco-friendly Rhenodiv release agents, Rhenomark tire marking inks and Rhenoshape high-performance curing bladders for manufacturing tires.

Last year, Rhein Chemie significantly expanded its portfolio for the tire industry by acquiring bladder and release agent specialist Darmex, as well as Wacker Chemie's tire release agent business. In the release agent sector, for example, these changes are evident in the variety of semi-permanent products and bladder coatings now available to Rhein Chemie, enabling it to respond to individual customer needs. Rhein Chemie is the only global player today offering tire manufacturers release agents, marking inks and bladders from a single source.

“The two product lines complement one another perfectly. Because they work together well, our release agents and bladders are highly reliable in terms of both

quality and cost-efficiency,” says Dr. Manfred Breining, Vice President Release Agents at Rhein Chemie.

In his presentation on “High Performance Curing Bladders” Dr. Dietmar Hoff, Marketing and Sales, Release Agents and Bladders, Rhein Chemie Rheinau GmbH, shows how the targeted application of expertise in rubber and manufacturing technology can increase bladder service life while at the same time reducing vulcanization times. Bladders are expandable sacs made of butyl rubber, which are put under pressure with hot steam to press green tires out from the inside, against the vulcanization molding press. They therefore are directly involved in the shaping and vulcanization process. An innovative venting system contributes to improved tire surface quality and minimizes rejects in production. Furthermore, high-performance specialty release agents reduce adhesion of the bladders on the tire compound. In other words, know-how from Rhein Chemie ensures a smooth, cost-efficient production process in not only one, but several ways.

About Rhein Chemie:

Rhein Chemie develops, produces and sells additives, specialty chemicals and service products for the rubber, lubricant and plastics industries. In fiscal 2010 Rhein Chemie achieved sales of EUR 283 million and has approximately 1,000 employees worldwide. The company is headquartered in Mannheim, Germany and has production facilities in Europe, Asia and North and South America. Rhein Chemie is a wholly owned subsidiary of the specialty chemicals group LANXESS, Leverkusen, Germany.

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