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Rhein Chemie sales grow to EUR 346 million in fiscal 2013

- Sales growth in China up 12 percent
- Largest market is the United States
- Newly opened and expanded production facilities
- Rhein Chemie celebrates its 125th anniversary

Mannheim, March 20, 2014 – Rhein Chemie, a wholly owned subsidiary of specialty chemicals company LANXESS, achieved global sales of EUR 346 million in fiscal 2013, a slight increase over the previous year (EUR 344 million). The strong euro in particular put a dampener on sales development. The LANXESS group generated sales of EUR 8.3 billion in 2013.

Rhein Chemie earned almost half its sales, or EUR 154 million, in Europe. The United States is now the largest market for Rhein Chemie, with sales of EUR 65 million. China posted the highest growth. Sales there rose by 12 percent over the previous year to EUR 50 million.

“We have already integrated our acquisitions extremely successfully into Rhein Chemie,” says Dr. Anno Borkowsky, CEO and President of Rhein Chemie Rheinau GmbH. “In the past fiscal year, we also opened new production facilities for bladders and rubber additives and expanded existing facilities to serve as a basis for future growth.” Rhenoshape high-performance bladders for tires are produced in the new plant in Porto Feliz, Brazil. The new production site in Lipetsk, Russia, produces the globally successful Rhenogran product line (predispersed polymer-bound rubber additives) that are used for manufacturing tires, seals and damping elements, for example. At its site in Qingdao, China, Rhein Chemie has further expanded its Rhenogran production capacity by adding another production line.

Investments at the Rhein Chemie headquarters in Mannheim

After an 18-month construction period involving a total investment volume of EUR 2.5 million, Rhein Chemie last year expanded a facility at its headquarters in Mannheim for producing additives for lubricant manufacturers and plastics processors. Rhein Chemie also invested EUR 1.8 million in the construction of a state-of-the-art social building with generously sized changing and shower rooms for production, laboratory and workshop staff. "The high quality of Rhein Chemie products is of vital importance to our customers. That is why we are continually investing in modernizing our facilities and in creating an inspirational working environment for our employees," says Dr. Borkowsky.

125 years of focusing on the future

Rhein Chemie is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year. In 1889, two young chemists set up an enterprise and registered it under the name Mueller & Dubois oHG in Mannheim's District court. Since then, the company has been promoting future-oriented developments with customized premium solutions. Today Rhein Chemie's products stand for the highest efficiency and sustainability in the rubber, lubricant and plastics industry worldwide.

About Rhein Chemie:

Rhein Chemie develops, produces and sells additives, specialty chemicals and service products for the rubber, lubricant and plastics industries. In fiscal 2013 Rhein Chemie achieved sales of EUR 346 million and has approximately 1,100 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, Cologne, Germany.

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