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Rhein Chemie at the Rubber Tech China in Shanghai

- **Newly founded Tire Task Force targets China's tire market**
- **Expansion of the processing promoters production by 70 percent at Rhein Chemie (Qingdao) Ltd.**

Qingdao/Mannheim, November 22, 2011 – Rhein Chemie will be presenting its broad portfolio for the rubber industry at the Rubber Tech China in Shanghai, from November 22 to 24, 2011 (stand 3B355, hall W3). The company will highlight its release agents, high performance curing bladders and processing promoters for the manufacturing of tires.

As a part of its growth strategy, Rhein Chemie will target China's tire market with a comprehensive portfolio of release agents and Rhenoshape curing bladders that will enable manufacturers to access a one stop solution for all their needs. Rhein Chemie is the first supplier in the world to offer release agents and high-performance bladders from a single source.

Earlier this year Rhein Chemie has further strengthened its position as a supplier to the tire industry by acquiring the Argentinian release agent and bladder specialist Darmex in January 2011 and Wacker Chemie's tire release agents business in July 2011.

Norman Cameron of Rhein Chemie Argentina will transfer to Hong Kong SAR and will lead Rhein Chemie's APAC Tire Task Force from January 2012. Customers will benefit from his experience in release agents and bladders.

The newly set-up Tire Task Force will actively survey the requirements of all tire plants, developing tailor-made products for all customers. Tire manufacturers will

benefit from Rhein Chemie's diverse range of innovative and reliable products and services.

Another focus will be on processing promoters. Rhein Chemie's competence center for processing promoter development is in Qingdao through its fully equipped laboratory. Various materials have been developed in this laboratory and have successfully penetrated the market. Rhein Chemie (Qingdao) Ltd. has further expanded its capacity for processing promoters by 70 percent. This will allow Rhein Chemie to serve the important tire market with new materials targeting the "green tires" sector. Furthermore, these customized high performance products are also highly beneficial for rubber product sectors like sporting goods and automotive parts. In its developments, Rhein Chemie is focusing on sustainable development by making use of mainly renewable raw materials.

Rhein Chemie, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the specialty chemicals company LANXESS, supplies the rubber industry with a broad range of predispersed polymer-bound chemicals, processing promoters, vulcanization and filler activators, anti-sun check waxes, release agents, tire marking inks and high-performance bladders.

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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