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Rhein Chemie Corporation at the International Tire Exhibition and Conference (ITEC) in Cleveland, Ohio, from September 18 - 20, 2012

- **Further growth through expansion of the bladder business**
 - **Presence in North America strengthened**
 - **Curing bladders for manufacturing diverse sizes of tires**
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Chardon (OH), United States, September 18, 2012 – At the International Tire Exhibition and Conference (ITEC) taking place in Cleveland, Ohio, from September 18 to 20, 2012, Rhein Chemie Corporation will present its quality portfolio for the tire industry (Booth 428). The ITEC is an important international event for experts that focus on topical issues related to tire technology and manufacture.

High-performance curing bladders will be the centerpiece of Rhein Chemie Corporation's exhibition stand at ITEC.

Through the acquisition of U.S. bladder specialist Tire Curing Bladders LLC (TCB) in March 2012, Rhein Chemie has significantly expanded its presence in North America and its range of bladders.

More than 400,000 bladders can currently be manufactured annually at the production site in Little Rock (AR) in the United States. "The expansion of our bladder business is targeting further growth in this market because Rhein Chemie is in an outstanding position to respond to the growing demands of tire manufacturers in North America," explains Dr. Boudewijn van Lent, President of Rhein Chemie Corporation, adding: "We're continuing to specifically expand our

expertise as an innovative bladder specialist.” Bladders in Little Rock are produced according to both injection and compression molding technology. The site also is capable of applying bladder coatings to the bladders according to customers needs.

Alongside bladders for the manufacture of car and truck tires, Rhein Chemie's product program also includes bladders for the manufacture of very large special-purpose tires (e.g. for earth-movers) and of small-size tires (e.g. for go-carts). Building bladders used in tire assembly are a further supplement. The special material reinforcement of these customized, manually produced bladders ensures high abrasion and very high durability.

Rhein Chemie supplies the tire 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 2011 Rhein Chemie achieved sales of EUR 332 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, Leverkusen, Germany.

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