

WACKER Opens Technical Center for Polymer and Silicone Applications in India

The Munich-based **chemical company WACKER** is **strengthening its presence in India** by opening a technical center in Mumbai.

The facility will serve as a **regional competence center for developments and applications** in the construction, coatings, plastics and textile coatings industry, the main focus being on construction polymers, silicone emulsions, sealants, silanes and silicone resins. The new technical center will **enable WACKER to tap the fast-growing markets in this part of the world**. The investment is aimed at providing local support to customers for developing new and customized products while promoting internationally recognized quality standards in India. In 2008, **WACKER generated annual sales of nearly €50 million** with more than 140 employees in India.

The WACKER Group has already been **supplying chemicals to India since the 1970s**. In 1998, the joint venture Wacker Metroark Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. has been established in Kolkata, as early as 1999, the site started up production of different silicone products. The **local subsidiary, Wacker Chemie India Pvt. Ltd.**, was founded in 2007 in response to increasing market demands and potentials.

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