

## Moody's upgrades Evonik to Baa2 with a positive Outlook

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Essen. The international rating agency Moody's has upgraded the credit rating of Evonik Industries AG from Baa3 with a positive outlook to Baa2 with a positive outlook. The rating agency quotes, among other things, the robust operational performance and the clarity regarding the steps for the real estate disposal as key reasons for the upgrade.

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Dr. Wolfgang Colberg, Chief Financial Officer of Evonik Industries, commented: "We are now starting to reap the benefits of our clear focus on specialty chemicals with strong market positions and our consistent financial policy. This also improves our access to debt financing."

Standard & Poors (S&P) rates Evonik BBB+ with a stable outlook.

### Company information

Evonik, the creative industrial group from Germany, is one of the world leaders in specialty chemicals. Profitable growth and a sustained increase in the value of the company form the heart of Evonik's corporate strategy. Its activities focus on the key megatrends health, nutrition, resource efficiency and globalization. Evonik benefits specifically from its innovative prowess and integrated technology platforms.

Evonik is active in over 100 countries around the world. In fiscal 2012 more than 33,000 employees generated sales of around €13.6 billion and an operating profit (adjusted EBITDA) of about €2.6 billion.

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