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**Evonik Hanse is now part of Evonik Nutrition & Care GmbH**

* Integration into the Evonik Group
* Part of the Nutrition & Care operational  
  chemistry segment
* Step will prepare the site for the future

Essen, Germany. Founded in 1986 in Geesthacht, Germany, Hanse Chemie GmbH has now been fully integrated into the Evonik Group effective September 1, 2016. After nearly five years as Evonik Hanse GmbH, the site in the German state of Schleswig-Holstein—and its roughly 100 employees—is now part of Evonik Nutrition & Care GmbH, one of Evonik’s three operational chemistry segments. The step sets the course for the future of the site.

“The new organization gives us what we need to keep developing the Geesthacht site and to put us into a favorable position going forward,” says Dr. Christian Eger, member of the management team Geesthacht. One aspect of the closer relationship with Evonik Nutrition & Care GmbH is the introduction of the Evonik inventory management system, a tool used for modeling the company’s entire flow of goods—from purchasing raw materials to shipping finished products to the customer. The modern system will allow the company to simplify processes and make the site more efficient. “The system is a must if we are to move forward in our efforts to position our products on various markets,” says Dr. Sabine Giessler-Blank, who directs the Polymer & Construction Specialties Product Line within the Interface & Performance Business Line.

Located 30 kilometers from Hamburg, the Geesthacht site is primarily focused on two areas: silicone technology and nanotechnology. The first of these provides the foundation for basic materials and high-quality components such as those used in adhesives and sealants, medical devices, electronics, and construction materials—in other words, they could appear in flooring adhesives or in wound care products. Applications for silicate-based nanomaterials include their use as components of fiber-reinforced composite materials for the automotive and aviation industries. A modern production and administration site, the plant is home to marketing and sales, research and development, and applied technology.

**Company information**

Evonik, the creative industrial group from Germany, is one of the world leaders in specialty chemicals, operating in the Nutrition & Care, Resource Efficiency and Performance Materials segments. The company benefits from its innovative prowess and integrated technology platforms. In 2015 more than 33,500 employees generated sales of around €13.5 billion and an operating profit (adjusted EBITDA) of about €2.47 billion.

**About Nutrition & Care**

The Nutrition & Care segment is led by Evonik Nutrition & Care GmbH and contributes to fulfilling basic human needs. That includes applications for everyday consumer goods as well as animal nutrition and health care. This segment employed about 7,000 employees, and generated sales of around  
€4.9 billion in 2015.

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