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### BYK wins prestigious Henkel Supplier Award in the Innovation category

Wesel, November 12, 2019 – BYK, a leading global supplier of additives and measuring instruments, was recently honored by Henkel Adhesive Technologies with their annual Supplier Award in the category “Innovation”. In presenting these awards, Henkel honors the close and successful cooperation with its suppliers across the value chains.

This industry award enjoys high esteem within the chemicals sector and widespread public appreciation. In this vein, ALTANA Management Board Member and BYK CEO Dr. Christoph Schlünken pointed out: “The innovation award is an encouragement to us to continue investing in research and development, especially in innovative solutions, and in technologies and applications competence. By means of our differentiated additive solutions, we secure a strategic competitive advantage for our customers.”



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From left to right: Michael Todd, Global Head of Innovation and New Business Development at Henkel Adhesive Technologies, Dr. Christoph Schlünken (ALTANA Management Board Member and BYK CEO), Holger Heilmann (Head of Business Line Industrial Applications), Dr. Horst Sulzbach (BYK CTO), and Tobias Austermann (Global Head End Use Adhesives & Sealants).

Henkel particularly commended the open exchange and the excellent technical customer service as well as the strong customer orientation. Especially in the area of customer orientation, BYK was able to score with digital training and exclusive

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tools and channels that have helped to increase the interconnectivity of the global R&D teams of both companies.

Tobias Austermann, Global Head End Use Adhesives & Sealants, regards this especially as recognition of the intensive cooperation between the two companies: "I am very pleased that the partnership between Henkel and BYK is reflected in this innovation award. It underlines our close development partnership, the strong collaboration, the deep technical exchange as well as the trustful open discussions."

BYK is one of the world's leading suppliers in the field of additives and measuring instruments. Additives are chemical substances which, when used in small quantities, improve product properties such as scratch resistance or surface gloss. Manufacturing processes are also optimized by the addition of additives.

The coatings, inks, and plastics industries are among the main consumers of BYK additives. Yet with the production of oil and gas, the manufacture of care products, the production of adhesives and sealants, and construction chemistry, too, BYK additives improve the product characteristics and production processes. Testing and measuring instruments from BYK can effectively evaluate the quality of color, gloss, and appearance as well as the physical properties of paint, plastic, and paper products and are an important part of quality control.

As a globally operating specialty chemicals company, BYK has production sites in Germany (Wesel, Kempen, Moosburg, Schkopau and Geretsried), in the Netherlands (Deventer, Njiverdal and Denekamp), in Great Britain (Widnes), in the US (Wallingford, Chester, Gonzales, Louisville, Earth City and Pompano Beach) and in China (Tongling).

Today the company employs more than 2,300 people worldwide and forms part of the ALTANA Group.

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