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WACKER'S INTRODUCES SILPURAN[®] SILICONE RUBBER; HELPING MAKE MEDICAL DEVICES SAFER FOR PATIENTS, PROVIDERS

Adrian, MI, June 3, 2008 – The increased demand for safe, reliable performing medical devices due to an aging global population and an increasing number of people with access to health-care, has inspired a new brand of liquid silicone rubber material used in the manufacturing of medical devices healthcare professionals must trust every day.

WACKER has entered into full production of SILPURAN[®] silicone rubber, engineered to ISO 9001 quality standards and tested for biocompatibility compliance to ISO10993 and USP-Class VI standards.

SILPURAN[®] silicone rubber is a critical raw material in the production of seals for contact with skin, blood, plasma or dialysis fluid; medical tubing, catheters, hoses and profiles; gaskets, membranes, handles and needle-free valves.

“Our company is uniquely qualified to meet the specific requirements of the global healthcare industry,” said Gregory Dull, WACKER Marketing Manager. “WACKER’s market knowledge, engineering capabilities, technical and manufacturing expertise and customized product solutions benefit our customers by providing a competitive advantage in this high-growth industry. WACKER is a proponent of Re-

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sponsible Care[®] and as such, produces materials in accordance with its guidelines.” Wacker Chemical Corporation, in addition to its ISO 9001:2000 certification, is also certified to ISO 14001:2004 and RC 14001:2005 standards.

WACKER’s vertically integrated manufacturing systems and carefully controlled processes ensure consistent quality, dependable supply and with decades of experience in the medical device industry, reliable and trusted performance. SILPURAN[®] silicone rubber is manufactured and processed in a clean room manufacturing Class 6 (formerly Class 1000) area and engineered for exceptional purity. An enhanced inner-package designed to protect against static electricity and prevent contamination is surrounded by another protective outer packaging. This “Double Protective” packaging layer helps to ensure medical device manufacturers receive SILPURAN[®] silicone rubber in the cleanest and purist state available.

Other advantages of SILPURAN[®] silicone rubber include:

- WACKER’s commitment to technical support
- Integration into an existing global supply network
- WACKER’s experience in the silicone elastomers industry
- No organic stabilizers, plasticizers or promoters
- Simple, “clean” chemistry is versatile with unlimited applications

“WACKER is committed to ongoing investments into production facilities and engineering silicone rubber materials destined for use in the medical device industry,” Dull said. “The devices and tools used by healthcare providers around the world is a vital component aiding in

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the overall health of the global population. And SILPURAN[®] silicone rubber is now a vital component in that process.”

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The company in brief:

WACKER is a globally active company with approx. 15,000 employees generating annual sales of € 3.78 billion. WACKER has 27 production sites worldwide and a global sales network of over 100 subsidiaries and offices.

WACKER SILICONES

Silicone fluids, emulsions, rubber and resins; silanes; pyrogenic silicas; thermoplastic silicone elastomers

WACKER POLYMERS

Dispersible polymer powders and dispersions for applications in the construction industry; PVAc solid resins; VC copolymers; polyvinyl butyrals and acetates

WACKER FINE CHEMICALS

Fine chemicals, biologics and other biotech products, such as cyclodextrins and cysteine

WACKER POLYSILICON

Polysilicon for the semiconductor and photovoltaics industries

Siltronic

Hyperpure silicon wafers and monocrystals for semiconductor devices