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**SILIKOTOP® for high-solid coatings receives Ringier Technology Innovation Award**

Evonik’s product, SILIKOTOP® silicone resin, is a new series of specialty binders developed this year. The products are designed for topcoat applications in high-solid and high-performance protective coatings in areas ranging from marine vessels to trucks and public transport. It also offers customers a solution for overcoming the new tax policy on low-solid, solvent-borne formulations.

The jury of the Ringier Technology Innovation Award honored especially the very good weather resistance, chemical resistance, and early water resistance of the product. Furthermore, the jury acknowledged the potential of SILIKOTOP® to meet the new VOC policy of Chinese government.

The award was initiated by Ringier Trade Media. A judging panel comprised of experts from China’s authoritative associations, universities and research institutes in the coatings industry made the final decision.

“We offer state-of-the-art products for environmentally-friendly applications in the paints and inks field, high-solid applications, and UV-curing formulations”, said Thomas Ries, Vice President Business Asia Pacific, Coating Additives. “We go beyond the product to solutions to help our customers meet the requirements of the market.”

**About Resource Efficiency**

The Resource Efficiency segment is led by Evonik Resource Efficiency GmbH and brings together Evonik’s activities in specialty chemicals for industrial applications. The Resource Efficiency segment supplies high performance materials for environmentally friendly as well as energy-efficient systems to the automotive, paints & coatings, adhesives, construction, and many other industries. This segment employed about 7,800 employees, and generated sales of around €4 billion in 2014.

**About Evonik**

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 2014 more than 33,000 employees generated sales of around €12.9 billion and an operating profit (adjusted EBITDA) of about €1.9 billion.

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