

## **Employees At Evonik’s Hopewell Site Celebrate 9 Year Safety Milestone Plant Not Only Meets Industry Safety Standards But Exceeds Them**

HOPEWELL, Va., October 20, 2014 – Employees at Evonik Corporation’s Hopewell facility, which makes ingredients for numerous consumer products, is celebrating an extraordinary achievement: working nine years without a Lost Time Accident (LTA).

“This is a rare accomplishment that many companies strive to reach but few achieve,” said David DelGuercio, head of Evonik’s Consumer Specialties business unit in the Americas. “Attaining this safety milestone proves that our employees – and Evonik – are firmly committed to safety excellence. We have established the culture in which our Hopewell employees believe that no task is worth doing without taking the time to do it safely.”

Evonik defines a Lost Time Accident as a work-related accident or injury resulting in an employee having to take time off from work.

“Safety is a core value at Evonik,” said Philip Munson, site manager at the Hopewell plant. “Choosing to work safely is the single most important job we all have to do – every task and every shift. I am immensely proud of our employees here at Hopewell for achieving this impressive safety milestone.”

Evonik’s goal is zero accidents in the workplace, which can only be achieved through the development of a high-performing safety culture and the implementation of world-class safety systems and activities, said Russell B. Mait, director, Environmental Health Safety & Quality for Evonik’s Americas Consumer Specialties Unit.

“Our employees have embraced safety as a core operating value and committed themselves to Evonik’s Guiding Principles of Safety, and I applaud all of them for their focus and dedication,” said Mait.

Evonik's Hopewell plant makes ingredients for hair and skin care products, additives for polyurethane foams, agricultural adjuvants, automotive polishes and rinse aids, and other products.

Evonik follows the Responsible Care guidelines of the American Chemistry Council (ACC). Since 1988, Responsible Care has helped ACC member companies significantly enhance their performance and improve employee safety, the health of the communities in which they operate and the environment as a whole.

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#### **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 2013 more than 33,500 employees generated sales of around €12.7 billion and an operating profit (adjusted EBITDA) of about €2.0 billion.

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