

Evonik Donates \$5,000 To Wallingford, Conn., Emergency Response Departments Contribution Recognizes Emergency Responders' Aid During Hurricane Sandy

Wallingford, Conn., December 21, 2012 – Evonik is donating \$5,000 to four emergency response departments in the Wallingford, Conn., area – the Wallingford Fire Department, the Wallingford Police Department, the Emergency Department at MidState Medical Center, and Wallingford Medical Reserve Corps – following Hurricane Sandy's destruction.

“During the storm, these four emergency response departments played a crucial role in everyone's safety and assisted with the recovery efforts in Hurricane Sandy's aftermath,” said Peter Stein, Wallingford site manager. “We are grateful for their hard work and dedication, and would like to support these departments. Our contribution is a symbol of gratitude to the men and women who risk their lives to serve our community.”

Hurricane Sandy, the largest tropical storm recorded in the Atlantic, made landfall in the United States on October 29 with winds of 80 mph. The death toll in the United States is more than 100. Sandy is estimated to have caused billions of dollars in property damage and lost business, making it one of the costliest natural disasters on record in the United States.

“Corporate citizenship is the cornerstone of Evonik's operations,” said Tom Bates, president of Evonik Degussa Corporation. “Evonik is actively involved in helping make the quality of life in local communities better by participating in non-profit, charitable and community organizations. We appreciate the emergency responders' dedication and commitment to the protection and care of our employees and neighbors. This is our chance to give back to the community.”

In recent years, Evonik has provided relief and direct rebuilding efforts following natural disasters such as hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Ike on the U.S. Gulf Coast, as well as tsunami and earthquakes in Asia Pacific.

The products manufactured at Evonik's Wallingford facilities include specialty plastics found in a variety of important applications such as medical devices, lenses and lighting, automotive components, marine navigation signals, and food and medical packaging.

Evonik is a specialty chemical company that creates essential ingredients for every day life. The company's products are included in such items as toothpaste, shower gel and shampoo. Evonik's silanes are essential raw materials in the electronics and telecommunications industries, while the company's silica and silane components are blended into rubber to make environmentally-friendly tires. Other products include fumed silicas used for coatings, adhesives and in the manufacture of cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, defoamers, pesticides, inks and batteries. Evonik is also a leading manufacturer of amino acids, having produced over one million tons of the animal feed additive Biolys® since 2000.

For additional information about Evonik in North America, please visit our website: www.evonik.com/north-america.

Company information

Evonik, the creative industrial group from Germany, is one of the world leaders in specialty chemicals. Its activities focus on the key megatrends health, nutrition, resource efficiency and globalization. Profitable growth and a sustained increase in the value of the company form the heart of Evonik's corporate strategy. Evonik benefits specifically from its innovative prowess and integrated technology platforms.

Evonik is active in over 100 countries around the world. In fiscal 2011 more than 33,000 employees generated sales of around €14.5 billion and an operating profit (adjusted EBITDA) of about €2.8 billion.

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