

Evonik Honors Award of Excellence Winners at 25th Annual Celebration Wallingford-based Employee Earns Company's Highest Award

WALLINGFORD, Conn., June 4, 2012 – A Wallingford-based employee of Evonik's Performance Polymers business unit, Carl Zemke, was recently honored as a 25th Year Award of Excellence winner with an all expense-paid weekend in New York City on April 13-15, 2012.

The Matt Taylor Award of Excellence, initiated in 1987, is the highest, most prestigious recognition an employee of Evonik's Performance Polymers Business Unit can earn. Throughout the last 25 years this program has recognized 309 employees who have proactively contributed to key areas of the business. The award recipients represent the principles and values to which Evonik is committed. These include never-ending quality improvement, teamwork and meticulous attention to detail.

Carl Zemke is a Production Supervisor and has 28 years of service with the company. The Evonik Wallingford plant is located on South Cherry Street. His outstanding performance and current accomplishments have contributed significantly to Evonik's success.

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Photo caption: Carl Zemke receiving his Award of Excellence from Drew Scott, Acrylic Polymers Manufacturing Manager, North America (left) and John Rolando, President, Performance Polymers North America, Evonik Cyro LLC (right) at the Awards Dinner held at the Harvard Club in New York City, April 13.

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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