



## **Evonik Donates \$5,000 To Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center Company Continues Its Support of Science, Technology Education**

MOBILE, Ala., January 24, 2011 – Seeking to inspire and engage more students in science and technology, Evonik Degussa Corporation today pledged \$5,000 to the Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center.

This contribution builds on more than \$600,000 Evonik has donated to the organization since 1998.

By sparking imagination, creating curiosity and instilling a sense of wonder in the world, the Exploreum is a cornerstone of informal learning on the Gulf Coast. More than 2.1 million visitors have experienced science at the Exploreum since 1998.

"Every student deserves the opportunity to experience learning in a fun and creative way," said Tom Bates, Evonik's North American regional president. "Through the hands-on experience that the Exploreum offers, students have the opportunity to understand how what they are learning in math and science classes applies to real-world problems. We are happy to continue our support of that work."

Caroline Etherton, assistant director of the science center, said the Exploreum is delighted to continue strengthening its relationship with Evonik. "The Exploreum's hands-on approach to teaching science motivates kids to pursue science related careers," she continued, "but we couldn't do this without the generosity of companies like Evonik. For this, we are truly grateful."

With approximately 700 workers, the Evonik Degussa Corporation Mobile site is one of the area's largest employers. It manufactures a wide range of products that create the essentials necessary to enjoy a better standard of living today and tomorrow.

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## **Company information**

Evonik Industries is the creative industrial group from Germany. In our core business of specialty chemicals, we are a global leader. In addition, Evonik is an expert in power generation from hard coal and renewable energies, and one of the largest private residential real estate companies in Germany. Our company's performance is shaped by creativity, specialization, continuous self-renewal, and reliability. Evonik is active in over 100 countries around the world. In its fiscal year 2009, about 39,000 employees generated sales of about €13.1 billion and an operating profit (EBITDA) of about €2.0 billion.

## **About the Exploreum**

The Gulf Coast Exploreum is a not-for-profit science center that promotes science learning through a variety of inquiry-based educational and entertaining activities, including exhibits, IMAX films, demonstrations, workshops and teacher professional development. Located in downtown Mobile, Exploreum visitors can experience more than 150 hands-on science adventures in four galleries: Minds On Hall, Hands On Hall, the Wharf of Wonder and the all-new My BodyWorks, the most advanced health exhibit in the nation. Guests can also enjoy live demonstrations in the Ciba Lab and BioLab daily and see a film in the J.L. Bedsole IMAX Dome Theater or the state-of-the-art Virtual Journeys Digital Theater. Voted Alabama's Attraction of the Year in 2008-09 and the Mobile's #1 Family Attraction for nine straight years, the Exploreum is the only science technology center serving south Alabama, south Mississippi and northwest Florida.

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