

**Evonik Goldschmidt Donates \$10,000 To Support Hopewell Schools**  
Contribution Continues Company's Commitment To Education, Community

HOPEWELL, Va., September 1, 2009 – Evonik Goldschmidt Corporation today continued a long-standing tradition by contributing \$10,000 to the Hopewell school system.

Over the past six years, the company has donated more than \$54,000 to Hopewell education efforts.

“Evonik Goldschmidt has a deep commitment to education that is part of our continuing support for the community,” said Dr. Reinhold Brand, President of Evonik Goldschmidt Corporation. “As one of the world’s leading specialty chemical companies, we are well aware of the importance of education. Good education is not cheap, but ignorance costs far more.”

Dr. Winston Odom, superintendent of schools for Hopewell, praised Evonik Goldschmidt’s generous gift, noting that the company is a strong supporter of educational efforts in the city.

“We truly appreciate Evonik’s continuing support of our students and our schools,” said Dr. Odom. “We deeply appreciate the company’s generosity and hope other companies in the area will follow Evonik’s lead. Evonik Goldschmidt is an outstanding member of the community. Their donation today will help our students to achieve a higher level of understanding.”

Dr. Brand said Evonik Goldschmidt is donating:

- \$3,000 to Hopewell High School
- \$2,000 to Carter G. Woodson Middle School
- \$1,000 to Patrick Copeland Elementary School
- \$1,000 to Harry E. James Elementary School
- \$1,000 to DuPont Elementary School
- \$500 to the Woodlawn Learning Center for vocational training
- \$1,500 to the Hopewell School Foundation

“The education of today’s youth is extremely important,” said Philip Munson, site manager at Evonik’s plant in Hopewell, which makes ingredients for hair and skin care products, laundry detergents, fabric softeners and other products. “One of the best investments a company can make is in education. There is no question about the need for an educated workforce, particularly in today’s economic climate.”

Dr. Brand presented Evonik's \$10,000 donation to Dr. Odom during a ceremony at the Carter G. Woodson Middle School, which was also attended by Barry DuBois, human resources director for Evonik's North American Consumer Specialties unit and others.

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