

## **Evonik Foams' SOLIMIDE® Foams Earns GREENGUARD Certification** Designation Cites Company's Commitment to Improving Indoor Air Quality

ALLEN, Texas, April 20, 2009 – Evonik Foams' SOLIMIDE® polyimide foams, a family of inherently fire-resistant, lightweight, high temperature, foams with excellent sound absorption properties, have been GREENGUARD Children & Schools<sup>SM</sup> certified by the GREENGUARD Environmental Institute (GEI).

"Evonik Foams should be commended for its dedication to improving indoor air quality by providing fiber-free, low-emitting products," said Dr. Marilyn Black, founder of the GREENGUARD Environmental Institute. "Products such as Evonik Foams' SOLIMIDE® polyimide foams are certified by GEI so companies can be assured the products they use contribute to a healthy indoor environment."

Products certified to the GREENGUARD Children & Schools certification have been tested for their chemical emissions performance and were found to meet or be below the State of California's Department of Health Services Standard Practice (CA Section 01350) requirements. CA Section 01350 covers key environmental performance issues related to the selection and handling of building materials. By complying with this specification, the GREENGUARD Children & Schools certification requires products meet stricter emissions limits for formaldehyde, phthalates, fine respirable particles and other volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

The GREENGUARD Environmental Institute is internationally recognized for evaluating product emissions and certifying products that meet stringent indoor air quality criteria. Products undergo rigorous, third-party testing to determine their impact on indoor air pollution with requirements for ongoing verification.

Robert Tait, General Manager of Evonik Foams, said the company is extremely pleased with this recognition from GREENGUARD. "We are committed to providing safe, high performance insulation products to a variety of industries," he said. "The GREENGUARD Children & Schools Certification for SOLIMIDE foams is recognition of one more way we are demonstrating this commitment."

SOLIMIDE® foams are high performance thermal and acoustic insulation products used in multiple industries worldwide. There are four SOLIMIDE® foam grades: TA-301, AC-550, AC-530, and HT-340. All of the SOLIMIDE® foam grades are inherently fire-resistant, lightweight, and environmentally friendly with virtually no off gassing or out gassing. They offer a wide operating temperature range from -196°C to +300°C.

### **Company information**

Evonik Industries is the creative industrial group from Germany which operates in three business areas: Chemicals, Energy and Real Estate. Evonik is a global leader in specialty chemicals, an expert in power generation from hard coal and renewable energies, and

one of the largest private residential real estate companies in Germany. Our strengths are creativity, specialization, continuous self-renewal, and reliability. Evonik is active in over 100 countries around the world. In its fiscal year 2008 about 41,000 employees generated sales of about Euro 15.9 billion and an operating profit (EBITDA) of more than Euro 2.2 billion.

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