

GLOBAL COMPACT: PROGRESS REPORT 2010 WACKER CHEMIE AG

Statement of Continued Support (Message from the CEO)

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Despite the global economic crisis, Wacker Chemie AG navigated a steady course through 2009. Naturally, we have not been immune to the most severe economic recession for decades, but WACKER has been able to sustain its overall strategy and vision in spite of the difficult conditions.

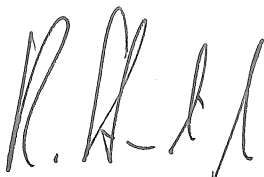
Our vision is to make an indispensable long-term contribution to global progress and sustainable development. In fact, sustainability has been part of WACKER's production and business processes for many years now. In our view, it is the basis of our long-term business success. We always give equal consideration to business, environmental and social aspects.

As a driving business entity, we operate 26 production sites and employ 15,000 people globally – but we also see ourselves as a good global corporate citizen. In this role, WACKER embraces the Global Compact's principles of respecting human rights, promoting social and environmental standards, and fighting corruption.

Groupwide environmental, safety and health standards are a clearly stated component of our management system, and compliance is compulsory at all our sites. Those responsible for implementation receive advice and support from Group coordinators. We not only observe the Global Compact's ten principles in our own processes – we expect our suppliers to do likewise.

In 2009, WACKER published its Sustainability Report for 2007/2008. The report is modeled on the Global Report Initiative's G3 international guidelines and covers the topics addressed in the four Global Compact areas of Human Rights (pp. 18-20, 24, 57, 64), Labor Standards (pp. 19/20, 46/47, 51-62), Environmental Protection (pp. 19/20, 27-36, 40-44, 50) and Anti-Corruption Measures (pp. 22/23). Further examples and current key figures can be found in our Annual Report 2009, particularly in the chapters Employees (pp. 101-106), Sustainability (pp. 106-112) and Risk Management Report (pp. 113-123).

WACKER has embraced Global Compact's ten principles since 2006. They are firmly rooted in our company's policies, and we will strive to ensure their continued realization.



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President & CEO of Wacker Chemie AG
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