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**Evonik opens newly expanded plant in Indonesia**

* Expansion increases current capacity of premium raw materials, additives and ingredients in Indonesia
* Investment to better serve personal and household care industries in South East Asia, Australia & New Zealand
* Asian market growth driven by increasing demand for cosmetic and cleaning products

Jakarta/Singapore. Evonik has opened the newly expanded plant for the production of premium raw materials, additives and ingredients for the cosmetic and household care industries in a solemn ceremony in Bekasi, Indonesia. With this investment, Evonik is increasing its capacity for surfactants and esters used in hair care, skincare, and industrial applications.

“As a global supplier to multinational but also Indonesian companies in the personal and household care industries, meeting our customers’ needs is of essence to us,” outlined Lauren Kjeldsen, Business Director Asia Pacific for Evonik’s Personal Care Business Line. “Expanding our manufacturing footprint in Asia marks another step to better serve our customers in the region. The additional capacity will allow us to shorten lead times and optimize the supply chain with regional inventory.”

The range of raw materials and additives provided by Evonik’s Indonesian plant includes emulsifiers, secondary surfactants, emollients, conditioners, thickeners, and pearlizing agents. In addition, the attached analytical and technical service lab offers personal and household care manufacturers continuous support with their formulations as well as updates and trainings on new additives, active ingredients and products.

“With the expansion we are strengthening our operations in Indonesia, which follow highest standards of safety, efficiency, productivity and quality. In addition, I am very happy to be able to create new jobs,“ stated Kamaludin, Managing Director and Country Head Indonesia. Evonik’s plant in Bekasi has been recognized with the Zero Accident Award from Indonesia’s Ministry of Manpower and Transmigration, the Halal Certificate from the Indonesian Council of Ulama and is certified as per ISO 9001:2008, ISO 14001:2004 and OHSAS 18001:2007.

**Company information**

Evonik, the creative industrial group from Germany, is one of the world leaders
in specialty chemicals. Profitable growth and a sustained increase in the value of the company form the heart of Evonik’s corporate strategy. Its activities focus on the key megatrends health, nutrition, resource efficiency and globalization. Evonik benefits specifically from its innovative prowess and integrated technology platforms.

In Indonesia, Evonik has been active for more than twenty years. Today, Evonik manages an office in Jakarta and two production facilities. PT Evonik Indonesia manufactures hydrogen peroxide in Cikarang for the paper, pulp and textile industry and is trading company for Evonik products. PT Evonik Sumi Asih, Evonik’s joint-venture in Bekasi Timur, produces surfactants and esters for the personal and household care industry and also trades Evonik's personal and household care products.

Evonik is active in over 100 countries around the world. In fiscal 2012 more than 33,000 employees generated sales of around €13.6 billion and an operating profit (adjusted EBITDA) of about €2.6 billion.

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