Member of the Henkel Board Kathrin Menges invited to accept sustainability award

Gold for Henkel

Düsseldorf – Henkel garners another sustainability accolade: On June 20, 2013, specialists in sustainability investing RobecoSAM will, for the second consecutive year, be conferring their "SAM Sustainability Awards," with Henkel due for honors as the Gold Class and Sector Leader in recognition of its successes in pursuing sustainable development. One of the selected few, Henkel will be receiving its award as the top sustainability performer in the "Nondurable Household Products" category at a ceremony in Frankfurt am Main. Kathrin Menges, Executive Vice President Human Resources and Chair of Henkel's Sustainability Council, will be appearing personally to receive the honor. "We are very pleased to have done so well in this ranking. This award confirms our position in the vanguard of sustainable development and serves as a further spur for us to extend our lead as we continue to drive progress in this domain," says Kathrin Menges.

Achieving more with less – this is the concept at the center of Henkel's sustainability strategy, in keeping with the company's ambition to further expand its role as a leader in the field of sustainable development. Henkel's recognition in the SAM Sustainability Awards 2013 as the Gold Class Sector Leader demonstrates that the company is very much on track in this regard. It also further confirms Henkel's standing in the eyes of external authorities as a sustainability role model. Henkel takes top honors in the "Nondurable Household Products" market sector for the second year running.

Kathrin Menges will receive the award on June 20 in Frankfurt. In addition to the evening awards ceremony in the "Alte Oper" [Old Opera House] concert hall, there will also be a Sustainability Conference held this year which, with five panel discussions, twelve presentations and more than 30 speakers, is set to cover a wide spectrum of sustainability issues. Uwe Bergmann will also be among the experts speaking at the event. As Head of Sustainability Management at Henkel, he will be giving a presentation on the topic "From Vision to Innovation: Embedding Sustainability in Business and Assessing Progress."

Every year since1999, RobecoSAM has invited the 2,500 biggest companies in the world to participate in the RobecoSAM Corporate Sustainability Assessment. This evaluation exercise provides the basis for inclusion in the Dow Jones Sustainability indices which list companies that specifically pursue their business aims according to the principles of sustainable development. Since last year, the assessment results have also served as the basis for conferral of the RobecoSAM Sustainability Awards at the national level, with the leading German companies from 58 scrutinized sectors receiving RobecoSAM Gold, Silver or Bronze Class accolades.

Henkel operates worldwide with leading brands and technologies in three business areas: Laundry & Home Care, Beauty Care and Adhesive Technologies. Founded in 1876, Henkel holds globally leading market positions in both the consumer and industrial businesses with well-known brands such as Persil, Schwarzkopf and Loctite. Henkel employs about 47,000 people and reported sales of 16,510 million euros and adjusted operating profit of 2,335 million euros in fiscal 2012. Henkel's preferred shares are listed in the German stock index DAX.

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The RobecoSAM Sustainability Award Gold Class 2013 was conferred upon Henkel for its performance in the "Nondurable Household Products" market sector.

As the Gold Class winner, Henkel is also regarded as the sector leader in the "Nondurable Household Products" category.