

## Press Release

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Henkel Adhesive Technologies Supplier Awards 2015 granted to Kaneka, Dow Corning and Covestro

### Recognizing Outstanding Partnership

Close collaboration with strategic suppliers is a key success factor for Henkel Adhesive Technologies to continuously drive powerful innovations and provide best-in-class service to its customers. Thus the Henkel business unit annually recognizes outstanding performance by its partners and suppliers with three awards in the categories “Supply Performance”, “Supplier Innovation” and “Supplier Sustainability”.

Henkel Adhesive Technologies develops tailor-made solutions for its customers by cooperating closely with raw materials suppliers and integrating their external know-how and experience to strengthen its innovation capabilities. To underline the importance of these partnerships the business unit annually recognizes strategic partners that delivered superior service with regard to general supplier performance, innovation and sustainability.

“Strategically directed programs and joint R&D projects with strategic suppliers enable us to gain early access to our partners’ latest innovations,” explained Mike Olosky, Corporate Senior Vice President and Global Head of Innovation and New Business Development at Henkel Adhesive Technologies during this years’ award ceremony held in Düsseldorf in mid-November. “The close and trustful collaboration with our partners allows us to incorporate our requirements at a very early stage in the development process, and meet the specific needs of our customers in the best possible way.”

“Being in open and direct contact and cooperation with the senior management teams of our strategic suppliers fosters our ambition to deliver together best in class customer service leveraging team expertise, continuous improvement and leadership. Together we strive to deliver excellence in supply performance, innovation and sustainability generating differentiated competitive edge and answers to the needs of our customers throughout the entire value chain,” explains Bertrand Conquéret, President Global Supply Chain and Corporate Senior Vice President Purchasing at Henkel.

### **Supply Performance Award: Dow Corning**

In recognition of the efforts to improve the overall supply chain, Henkel has presented its Supplier Excellence Performance Award to Dow Corning, a global leader in silicon-based technology and innovation. Dow Corning delivered in 2015 an excellent service level performance thanks to a dedicated and professional team. In addition, throughout a tight supply situation Dow Corning provided full volume support to Henkel allowing to maintain the end to end supply chain & operations. Henkel also recognized Dow Corning for proactively enhancing the understanding of market developments.

### **Supplier Innovation Award: Kaneka**

In recognition of the close and successful collaboration, Henkel presented its Supplier Innovation Award for the second consecutive year to Kaneka, a Japanese technology-oriented company that provides a broad range of specialty polymers for a variety of industrial applications. Through the joint collaboration in Germany, the United States, and Asia, Kaneka gives Henkel early access to its latest developments which results in a strong project portfolio for specifically tailored polymers in support of our newest solutions for liquid gasket and sealant applications for the automotive, electronics and industrial markets.

### **Sustainability Award: Covestro**

Covestro, formerly Bayer MaterialScience and legally independent since September 1, 2015, is a leading supplier of high-value polymers. The company received the Sustainability Award from Henkel for its ongoing efforts to contribute to the sustainable Henkel product pipeline and for outperformed deliveries in Life Cycle Assessment. Covestro develops and manufactures materials which enable Henkel to extend its business for instance in sustainable wood engineering. In addition, Covestro offers bio-based materials for industrial applications with global footprint to support Henkel’s innovative product range.

Henkel operates worldwide with leading brands and technologies in three business units: Laundry & Home Care, Beauty Care and Adhesive Technologies. Founded in 1876, Henkel holds globally leading market positions, both in the consumer and in the industrial businesses, with well-known brands such as Persil, Schwarzkopf and Loctite. Henkel employs about 50,000 people and reported sales of 16.4 billion euros and adjusted operating profit of 2.6 billion euros in fiscal 2014. Henkel's preferred shares are listed in the German stock index DAX.

**Photo material is available at <http://www.henkel.com/press>**

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**The following material is available:**



Henkel Adhesive Technologies recognizes outstanding partnership with strategic suppliers with annual Supplier Awards for performance, innovation and sustainability.



Supply Performance Award for Dow Corning (from left to right): Thomas Holenia, Corporate Vice President Purchasing at Henkel, Bärbel Preußler, Global Key Account Manager for Henkel at Dow Corning, Jeroen Bloemhard, Vice President Global Trading and Greater China at Dow Corning, Tommy Detemmerman, Global Product Development Manager RTV Elastomers at Dow Corning and Bjoerk Ohlhorst, Senior Vice President Procurement at Henkel



Supplier Innovation Award for Kaneka (from left to right): Thomas Holenia, Corporate Vice President Purchasing at Henkel, Jan-Dirk Auris, Executive Vice President Henkel Adhesive Technologies, Mamoru Kadokura, President Kaneka Corporation and Mike Olosky, Corporate Senior Vice President and Global Head of Innovation and New Business Development Henkel Adhesive Technologies



Supplier Sustainability Award for Covestro (from left to right): Thomas Holenia, Corporate Vice President Purchasing at Henkel, Harald Wolf, Global Key Account for Henkel at Covestro, Michael Hellemann Soerensen, Head of Commercial Operations in the Europe, Middle East, Africa and Latin America regions at Covestro, Karsten Danielmeier, Global Head of Innovation at Covestro and Paul Kirsch, Corporate Senior Vice President, Supply Chain and Operations, Henkel Adhesive Technologies