

## **Press Release**

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Customers acknowledged performance, partnership and innovation in 2016

## Henkel Adhesive Technologies widely awarded

Düsseldorf – General Motors, Jaguar Land Rover and Yuhan-Kimberly, among other multinational industrial manufacturers publicly recognized last year Henkel's excellence in quality, sustainability and innovation. As a market leader for high-impact solutions worldwide, the Adhesive Technologies business unit is partnering with its customers to create groundbreaking innovations and tailor-made products while ensuring supply quality and performance.

Winning prizes is not what matters but rather meeting customers' needs through improving quality and efficiency, and contributing to optimize products through innovative solutions. As Young-Kyu Ko, Purchasing Director of Yuhan-Kimberly expressed, "We pursue continuous business growth with reliable partners [...] and would like to thank Henkel, who significantly contributed to achieving our mutual business targets across all divisions." For Yuhan-Kimberly, the largest hygiene product manufacturer in South Korea, partnering with Henkel has had positive outcomes since Henkel's products enable to address key market trends and needs. This year, the company ranked Henkel as the Best Supplier in the hygienic category.

For the second year, General Motors granted Henkel's Heidelberg site the Supplier of the Year award for its flawless supply chain that improved the automaker's service quality level. Likewise, Jaguar Land Rover recognized the production site for its high-quality product supply. Qoros, a well-known Chinese automaker, honored Henkel's commitment to waste prevention and water treatment with its Bonderite Thin Film 1800 Series zirconium oxide pretreatment process. This procedure is far more environmentally compatible than traditional zinc phosphate treatments due to a reduction in the processing and rinsing steps.



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In the area of sustainability, Sofidel – a world leader in tissue paper production– also recognized Henkel as the "Best Supplier" in the category of Procurement and Purchasing in the first edition of Sofidel's Suppliers Sustainability Award.

Henkel's Acoustic and Structural team has also been nominated with the Innovation Award from Mahindra Mahindra, one of the largest Indian automotive manufacturers. With the "Look Further" award, Adhesive Technologies was acknowledged by its long termed customer Arçelik during its Global Supplier Summit 2016. The award recognizes Henkel's contributions in improving quality and efficiency while at the same time decreasing overall energy consumption.

## About Henkel

Henkel operates globally with a well-balanced and diversified portfolio. The company holds leading positions with its three business units in both industrial and consumer businesses thanks to strong brands, innovations and technologies. Henkel Adhesive Technologies is the global leader in the adhesives market – across all industry segments worldwide. In its Laundry & Home Care and Beauty Care businesses, Henkel holds leading positions in many markets and categories around the world. Founded in 1876, Henkel looks back on more than 140 years of success. In 2015, Henkel reported sales of 18.1 billion euros (20.1 billion US dollars), adjusted operating profit of 2.9 billion euros (3.2 billion US dollars). Its three top brands, Persil (detergent), Schwarzkopf (hair care) and Loctite (adhesive) generated more than 6 billion euros (around 6.6 billion US dollars) in combined sales. Henkel employs around 50,000 people globally – a passionate and highly diverse team, united by a strong company culture, a common purpose to create sustainable value, and shared values. As a recognized leader in sustainability, Henkel holds top positions in many international indices and rankings. Henkel's preferred shares are listed in the German stock index DAX. For more information, please visit www.henkel.com.

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Leading automakers acknowledged Henkel's Heidelberg site for its excellent scores on their supplier performance evaluations



Henkel's customer partnerships across the entire value chain have been recognized by several multinational manufacturer