



## Press Release

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Adhesive Technologies Supplier Awards 2018 granted to Kolon Industries, Kaneka and Covestro

### **Henkel recognized best-in-class performance of strategic partners**

**Düsseldorf – For the sixth consecutive year, Henkel Adhesive Technologies has awarded the performance of its strategic suppliers across the value chain. With its annual Supplier Awards the business unit recognizes close and successful collaboration in the categories of Operational Excellence, Innovation and Sustainability.**

“The know-how and experience of our suppliers are a key enabler for Henkel to continuously drive powerful innovations,” said Michael Todd, Global Head of Innovation and New Business Development at Henkel Adhesive Technologies, during this year’s award ceremony held in Düsseldorf. “The close collaboration between Henkel and our strategic suppliers unlocks new potentials that are essential to develop exciting innovations for our customers and to bring our business to the next level.”

“The close cooperation and direct exchange with our strategic suppliers enable us to deliver answers to the needs of our customers throughout the entire value chain” added Thomas Holenia, Corporate Vice President Purchasing at Henkel. “Working together and focusing on aligned strategic priorities, makes our joint supply chains



more agile, which generates competitive edges, especially in today's challenging market environment."

#### **Operational Excellence Award: Kolon Industries**

In recognition of its efforts to improve the joint supply chain, Henkel has presented the Operational Excellence Award to Kolon Industries, a Korean chemical and textile manufacturing company. Kolon Industries delivered an excellent service level performance in 2018, with best in class „On-Time“ and „In-Full“ scores of the respective Henkel plants – a great supply performance in a challenging market environment.

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

For the third time, Henkel Adhesive Technologies granted the Innovation Award to Kaneka, a Japanese company providing a broad range of polymers for various industrial applications. Based on Kaneka polymers and dispersions, Henkel Adhesive Technologies successfully launched new products and strengthened its portfolio of high-performance and cost-effective solutions for automotive and electronics markets. Strong partnership between the companies has been demonstrated by open exchange and early access to innovations resulting in a large portfolio of joint development projects that address the needs of Henkel's customers.

#### **Sustainability Award: Covestro**

Henkel strives to provide its customers and consumers with product and process technologies having higher value, better performance and lower environmental footprint at the same time. Thus, Adhesive Technologies recognized Covestro for its ongoing efforts to contribute to the sustainable Henkel product and project pipeline, such as the collaboration on finding alternative technologies to substitute hazardous materials, developing bio-based materials in their polyurethane portfolio as well as an excellent EcoVadis rating. Sustainability is also a key success factor at Covestro for



bringing additional value to their products. Covestro develops and manufactures sustainable materials, enabling Henkel to extend its business in the application of flexible packaging with improved migration properties or in the area of wood engineering replacing formaldehyde-based products.

### **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 2017, Henkel reported sales of 20 billion euros and adjusted operating profit of around 3.5 billion euros. Combined sales of the respective top brands of the three business units – Loctite, Schwarzkopf and Persil – amounted to 6.4 billion euros. Henkel employs more than 53,000 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](http://www.henkel.com).

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Operational Excellence Award to Kolon Industries (from left to right): Csaba Szendrei, Senior Vice President and Global Director of the Packaging and Consumer Goods Business at Henkel; Gerald

Lim, General Manager at Kolon Industries; JH Park, Head of Hydrocarbon Resin R&D at Kolon Industries; TJ Park, Head of Hydrocarbon Resin Unit at Kolon Industries; GJ Lee, Head of Hydrocarbon Sales at Kolon Industries; Jay Chung, Marketing Manager at Kolon Industries and Thomas Holenia, Corporate Vice President Purchasing at Henkel



Innovation Award to Kaneka (from left to right): Emilie Barriau, Head of Global Product Development for Transport and Metal at Henkel; Hajime Wada, Head of MX Group Performance Polymers SV at Kaneka; Shinji Mizusawa, President of Kaneka Europe Holding and President of Kaneka Belgium NV; Masaya Kotaki, Global Key Account for Henkel at Kaneka; Adam Taniguchi, Senior Business Manager MX Group at Kaneka and Bertrand Conqueret, Corporate Senior Vice President Global Supply Chain at Henkel



Sustainability Award to Covestro (from left to right): Michael Frank, Head of Supplier Innovation at Henkel; Ulf Wentzien, Global Head of Industrial Marketing at Covestro; Jens Kaatz, Global Head of Business Model Innovation and Digital Transformation at Covestro; Harald Wolf, Global Key Account for Henkel at Covestro; Michael Friede, Global Head of Segments Coatings, Adhesives, Specialties at Covestro; Karsten Danielmeier, Global Head of R&D and Innovation at Covestro; Michael Hellemann Soerensen, Senior Vice President Commercial Operations EMEA/LATAM Region at Covestro; Peter Kruppa, Senior Vice President Application and Technology Development at Covestro; Vladimir Ristic, Head of Global Key Account Management at Covestro and Bertrand Conqueret, Corporate Senior Vice President Global Supply Chain at Henkel