



## Press Release

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Adhesive Technologies Supplier Awards 2019 granted to Eastman, BYK and EVONIK

### Henkel recognizes outstanding performance of its strategic partners

**Düsseldorf – Henkel Adhesive Technologies has awarded the performance of its strategic partners with its Supplier Awards. With these annual recognitions the business unit honors the close and successful collaboration across the value chains. This year the companies Eastman, BYK and Evonik have been awarded in the categories of Operational Excellence, Innovation and Sustainability.**

“The close collaboration between Henkel and our strategic suppliers is a key success factor for our business”, said Michael Todd, Global Head of Innovation and New Business Development at Henkel Adhesive Technologies, during this year’s award ceremony held in Düsseldorf. “Their know-how and performance enable us to continuously drive powerful innovations and to unlock new potentials across our businesses. These strong and trustful partnerships are essential to develop innovative solutions for our customers and to further gain competitive advantages in the diverse markets we serve.”

“The close cooperation and open exchange with our strategic suppliers throughout the entire value chain enable us to translate the needs and expectations of our customers into tailor-made and meaningful solutions” added Thomas Holenia, Corporate Vice President Purchasing at Henkel. “By aligning our strategic priorities and supply chains we increase agility and quality and achieve excellence in supply performance, innovation and sustainability. This is even more important in today’s challenging market environment across the globe.”



### **Operational Excellence Award: Eastman**

Henkel has presented the Operational Excellence Award to Eastman, a specialty chemical materials company headquartered in Kingsport, Tennessee, USA. The recognition was granted for Eastman's outstanding supply performance over several consecutive years, as well as the companies' ongoing efforts to ensure the competitiveness in an increasingly challenging market environment. Eastman has delivered an excellent service level degree with best in class „On-Time“ and „In-Full“ scores. In addition, the company demonstrated its commitment to top tier quality standards as well as a strong mutual cooperation among the Supply Chain Teams of Henkel and Eastman – a first-class delivery performance along with an exceptional view on chemical feedstocks.

### **Innovation Award: BYK**

Henkel has granted the Innovation Award to BYK, a leading provider of additives for a broad range of industries, headquartered in Wesel, Germany, and member of the Altana group. The companies' additives are performance-critical ingredients in a variety of formulations across adhesives, sealants and construction chemicals. The collaboration was based on open exchange and an early access to innovations which resulted in BYK's growing contribution to numerous innovation projects and successful product launches of the Adhesive Technologies business unit. BYK was recognized for its strong customer-orientation and excellent technical customer service. Customer-centricity has been also proven by digital training and information sharing via exclusive tools and channels that helped to increase the interconnectivity of BYK with Henkel's global R&D community.

### **Sustainability Award: EVONIK**

Henkel has presented the Sustainability Award to EVONIK, a global specialty chemicals company headquartered in Essen, Germany. The recognition was granted for EVONIK's achievements to develop innovative product solutions while reducing the environmental impact. In 2019, the company demonstrated excellent support on Henkel's sustainability targets and showed the best contribution to Henkel's sustainability objectives. The strong partnership between both companies was characterized by an open exchange and access with focus on sustainable innovations. The strong collaboration resulted in a solution-based project portfolio including bio-based materials, improvements for a circular economy, replacements of substances of very high concern (SHVC) and transparency on CO2 footprint data.



## 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. 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 fiscal 2018 Henkel generated sales of around 20 billion euros and adjusted operating profit of around 3.5 billion euros. Henkel employs around 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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Henkel has presented its annual supplier awards for outstanding performance and close collaboration across the entire value chain.



Operational Excellence Award for Eastman (from left to right): Michael Merget, Global Head of Operations and Supply Chain at Henkel Adhesive Technologies; Mahendra Dorairaj, Vice President & General Manager Adhesives at Eastman; Chris Killian, Vice President Specialty Products Technology at Eastman; Kai Arnold, Global Key Account Director at Eastman; Jake Goodrich, Technology Director Adhesives at Eastman



Innovation Award for BYK (from left to right): Michael Todd, Global Head of Innovation and New Business Development at Henkel Adhesive Technologies; Christoph Schlünken, President Division Additives & Instruments and Chairman of the Management Board of BYK-Chemie GmbH; Holger Heilmann, Global Head of Business Line Industrial Applications at BYK-Chemie GmbH; Horst Sulzbach, Chief Technology Officer at BYK-Chemie GmbH; Tobias Austermann, Global Head of EndUse Adhesive & Sealants at BYK-Chemie GmbH



Sustainability Award for EVONIK (from left to right): Claus Rettig, Chairman of the board of management at Evonik Resource Efficiency GmbH; Gerd Loehden, Senior Vice President Innovation Management at Evonik Resource Efficiency GmbH; Lutz Mindach, Vice President Innovation Management at Evonik Resource Efficiency GmbH; Nermina Pavlukovic, Strategic Account Coordination Manager at Evonik Resource Efficiency GmbH; Thomas Engenhorst, Manager Sustainability Strategy at Evonik Resource Efficiency GmbH; Bertrand Conquéret, Corporate Senior Vice President Global Supply Chain at Henkel; Ralf Marquardt, Senior Vice President and General Manager Strategy & New Growth Business at Evonik Resource Efficiency GmbH