



ORKILA distributor for **WACKER** Silicone & Polymer products in Africa

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The **ORKILA GROUP** has been entrusted with the distribution of selected silicone and polymer products out of **WACKER**'s portfolio in North Africa. From July 1st 2011, the scope of the agreement will extend to include the markets of West and East Africa.

The **ORKILA GROUP** already distributes selected silicone products for **WACKER** in Morocco. In further regions of Africa, **ORKILA** will focus on dispersible polymer powders and dispersions as well as on silicone emulsions, silicone resins, sealants, antifoam agents, silicone fluids, silanes and silicone elastomers. The main application areas for these **WACKER** products in Africa are the construction, paints and coatings, cosmetics, textiles and pulp and paper-processing sectors, the chemical process industry and the food and pharmaceutical industry.

With over 3,000 highly specialized and innovative products, **WACKER** is also one of the largest silicone manufacturers worldwide. The portfolio ranges from silicone fluids, emulsions, resins, elastomers and sealants to silanes and pyrogenic silica. These products find application in such sectors as construction, chemicals, cosmetics, textiles, automotive, paper and electronic.

Mrs Nicole Sacy, Orkila Director of Marketing and Communication, said, "We see this move as an excellent opportunity to reinforce Orkila's position as the leading chemical distributor in these emerging markets. Representing one of the world's leading manufacturers of silicone products and solutions will strengthen Orkila across a number of important market segments in North, West & East Africa."

About ORKILA

Orkila is the largest distributor of specialty chemical products in the Middle East and African markets.

Inheriting a hundred years of experience in the chemical industry, Orkila offers a flexible, highly reactive service together with a comprehensive logistics network and a value added service in the distribution chain. Orkila's highly qualified sales force, possessing technical & commercial expertise, provides an effective and productive interface for customer and supplier alike.

Orkila operates in multiple industrial sectors, including Paints and Construction, Home and Personal Care, Pharmaceuticals, Food, Animal Nutrition, Agrochemical, Tyre, Rubber, Textiles and Plastics, Silicones, Paper, Glass and Crystal, Oilfield, Metal and Water Treatment and Automotive products.

Orkila has recently extended its African footprint with the recent creation of new affiliates in Ivory Coast, Senegal, Tunisia, and Kenya.