

## Press Release

### BYK Netherlands invests in new plant for solvent based wax dispersions

**Deventer, January 12, 2024** – BYK Additives starts 2024 with a significant investment at the Deventer site in the Netherlands. On January 11, 2024, BYK Netherlands B.V. celebrated the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of a new factory in Deventer, the Netherlands. The new production facility will manufacture solvent based wax dispersions and replace the current facility with a state-of-the-art process installation which will meet current as well as future demands from our customers – of course also in line with current and future regulatory demands. BYK is investing a double-digit million euro amount in the plant.



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*Image from left to right: Jacques Bezuidenhout (Maintenance Engineer), Renze Smits (Project Manager Hall 10), Steef Bouwmeester (Managing Director BYK Netherlands), Dr. Stefan Mößner (BYK Managing Director Marketing & Commercial), Dr. Tammo Boinowitz (Member of the Management Board, ALTANA AG), Ron König (mayor City Deventer), Anton Buningh (Site Manager), Jeroom Pieters (Head of Operations Deventer), Dick Willemsen (Employee Production), Pascall Bornebroek (Foreman Production).*

“The significant investment in the solvent based wax business shows our commitment to our key customers who have an ever-growing need for these specialties. With this investment we are excellently positioned to continue to be a reliable and sustainable development partner to our global customer base”, says Dr. Jörg Hinnerwisch, BYK Division President.

“Everything that we have learned about producing wax dispersions in the last 50 years has been transferred to the project and construction team. The new facility ensures that we continue to provide a safe and ergonomic working place for our employees, to remain a reliable and sustainable supplier for our customers and a

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good and compliant neighbour”, says Steef Bouwmeester, managing director of BYK Netherlands B.V.

The solvent based wax dispersions are used by can & coil producers, automotive paint producers, printing inks, wood- and industrial coating customers worldwide. The new facility aims to start commercial production end 2026.

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BYK is a leading global supplier of specialty chemicals. The company's innovative additives and differentiated solutions optimize product and material properties as well as production and application processes. Amongst other things, BYK additives improve scratch resistance and surface gloss, the mechanical strength or flow behavior of materials, and properties such as UV- and light stability or flame retardancy. In the field of quality assurance, BYK's measuring and testing instruments serve to effectively assess appearance and physical properties.

The company's customers include manufacturers of coatings and printing inks, plastics, adhesives and sealants, as well as cleaners, floor coatings, and lubricants. BYK additives are also successfully used in the construction chemistry, oil and gas, and foundry industries.

BYK has a global network of subsidiaries and operates production sites in Germany (Wesel, Kempen, Moosburg, Schkopau, Geretsried), the Netherlands (Deventer, Denekamp, Nijverdal), and the UK (Widnes), in the USA (Wallingford, Chester, Gonzales, Louisville, Earth City, and Pompano Beach), and in China (Shanghai, Tongling). The company is part of the ALTANA Group and employs a workforce of more than 2,500 people worldwide.

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