



Press Release

Further expansion of Adhesives business in the Middle East

Henkel acquires majority in Polybit Industries

The Henkel Group has acquired a 49-percent shareholding and also the management rights in Polybit Industries Ltd. Polybit is a leading manufacturer of waterproofing materials for the construction industry in the United Arab Emirates.

Düsseldorf/Sharjah, United Arab Emirates – Effective June 30, 2005, the Henkel Group acquired a 49-percent shareholding and also the management rights in Polybit Industries Ltd., a company based in the United Arab Emirates. Polybit offers a complete range of waterproofing solutions for the construction industry and is the market leader in the United Arab Emirates.

“By acquiring a majority shareholding in Polybit Industries, we are establishing an excellent position for serving the construction industry in the United Arab Emirates,” says Alois Linder, Executive Vice President Consumer and Craftsmen Adhesives of Henkel KGaA. “This will allow us to profit from the veritable boom in the construction sector throughout the entire region.”

With a workforce of about 250 employees, Polybit Industries generated sales of some 25 million euros last year. The company develops and produces waterproofing and corrosion-inhibiting sealants and coatings for the construction industry. It operates mainly in the Middle East, Africa and Asia.

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