

Media release

DKSH wins Ringier's Technology Innovation Award in the food and beverage category

DKSH, the leading Market Expansion Services provider with a focus on Asia, was awarded the "Ringier Technology Innovation Award 2015 – Food & Beverage Industry" by the industry-leading trade magazine China Food Manufacturing Journal.

Guangzhou, China, September 16, 2015 – DKSH's Business Unit Performance Materials, a leading Market Expansion Services provider for specialty chemicals and food ingredients, was awarded the "Ringier Technology Innovation Award 2015 – Food & Beverage Industry (Category: Food & Beverage Ingredients – Functional)" by the China Food Manufacturing Journal. The trade publication is published by Ringier, Switzerland's largest internationally operating Swiss media company.

The award was presented for the innovative curcumin and gammacyclodextrin complex Cavamax® W8 Curcumin, which is produced by DKSH key client Wacker Chemie from Germany. Curcumin is powerful antioxidant that exhibits remarkable joint function and immune strengthening capabilities, but has a very high hydrophobicity. The unique complex ensures the bioavailability of the curcumin by transporting it within a cyclodextrin hydrophilic shell, allowing solubility within the human body. Cavamax® W8 is supplied as a dry, free-flowing powder and is used in various applications in the personal care, consumer care, pharmaceutical, foods and food supplement sectors.

DKSH has been providing Market Expansion Services to Wacker in China in a cooperation for three years and accepts this award jointly on behalf of both companies.

25 innovative product entries were awarded by an independent panel of judges from around 60 submissions. Compared to 2014, this year has seen a dramatic increase in the number of entrants and reflects the importance of the awards program in the industry.

"It is a great honor for DKSH to receive this award and it will help us to consolidate DKSH's market and supplier position in the food industry. We have invested a lot in China, covering sales and technical resources as well as infrastructure to support the growth of the food business, providing high-quality food ingredients to the China market for over 10 years. Through our professional Market Expansion Services, we are committed to further enhancing our market competitiveness and better serve our customers," commented Jennifer Tang, Manager, Business Line Food & Beverage Industry China.

About WACKER

WACKER (www.wacker.com) is a globally active chemical group headquartered in Munich, Germany. With a wide range of state-of-the-art specialty products, WACKER is a leader in numerous fields and industries. Its products are required in countless high-growth end-user sectors, such as photovoltaics, electronics, pharmaceuticals and household/personal-care products.

About WACKER BIOSOLUTIONS

Using advanced biotech processes, WACKER BIOSOLUTIONS provides tailored, innovative solutions and products to the life-science sector including pharmaceutical proteins, cyclodextrins and fermentation-generated cysteine. Its portfolio is also complemented by catalog chemicals, such as acetylacetone and high-quality polyvinyl acetate solid resins. The division focuses on developing customized solutions for growth sectors, such as food additives, pharmaceutical actives and agrochemicals.

About DKSH

DKSH is the leading Market Expansion Services provider with a focus on Asia. As the term "Market Expansion Services" suggests, DKSH helps other companies and brands to grow their business in new or existing markets. Publicly listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange since March 2012, DKSH is a global

company headquartered in Zurich. With 750 business locations in 35 countries – 720 of them in Asia – and 27,600 specialized staff, DKSH generated net sales of CHF 9.8 billion in 2014. In 2015, DKSH celebrates its 150th anniversary. With strong Swiss heritage, the company has a long tradition of doing business in and with Asia, and is deeply rooted in communities and businesses across Asia Pacific.

DKSH Business Unit Performance Materials is a leading specialty chemicals distributor and provider of Market Expansion Services for performance materials, covering Europe, North America and the whole of Asia. The Business Unit sources, develops, markets and distributes a wide range of specialty chemicals and ingredients for pharmaceutical, personal care, food & beverage as well as various industrial applications. In addition, it creates innovative and cutting-edge concepts and applications in 27 innovation centers located worldwide. With 100 business locations in 27 countries and around 950 specialized staff, Business Unit Performance Materials generated net sales of CHF 780 million in 2014.

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