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## Price Increase

With effect from February 1, 2005, BYK-Chemie will increase prices for all paint and plastics additives worldwide by 6%. For mineral oil defoamers the price increase will be 3.5% and for viscosity reducers 8%.

The price increases have been necessary due to the drastically increased price of raw materials, packaging and energy. At the same time, the pail surcharge of € 0.36 per kilogram will be increased to € 0.48.

### About BYK-Chemie:

BYK-Chemie is one of the World's Leading Suppliers of Additives used in the Coatings, Inks, and Plastics Industry.

Approximately 85 % of our sales are generated by exports. Our major export markets are Europe, the United States and the Far East.

Chemical additives are used by processing industries in the production of coatings, inks, and plastics. In very small quantities, BYK-Chemie additives simplify manufacturing processes, and significantly improve the quality of finished goods, such as motor vehicles and furniture. BYK-Chemie is a member of ALTANA Chemie AG, Wesel. ALTANA Chemie is developing and producing high quality, innovative products in the sector of specialty chemicals.

BYK-Chemie has been producing additives since 1962 in Wesel. Today it employs 881 people worldwide, 25 % of whom work in research and development departments or technical laboratories.

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