

## Ḥalāl Certificate for Evonik's Personal Care Business Line products

In order to meet customer requirements in Asia, the Middle East and the Maghreb region Evonik Industries commissioned an examination of its plants in Essen and Duisburg for compliance with Islamic law. As of November 15, 2013, Evonik Industries in Essen and Duisburg are classified as “pure” (tahir) and permitted according to ritual Islamic regulations and therefore evaluated as “Ḥalāl”.

Ḥalāl (Arabic for permissible) is any object or an action permissible to use or engage in, according to Islamic law. The term covers and designates not only food and drink as permissible according to Islamic law, but also all matters of daily life. Muslims must also ensure that all food, as well as non-food items like cosmetics and pharmaceuticals, are Ḥalal.

Evonik Industries in Essen is entitled to use the Ḥalāl Certificate for the products manufactured there: Cocamidopropyl Betaines, a multitude of Esters (Sorbitan Esters, Glyceryl- and Polyglycerylestes, Glycolesters, Sucrose Esters, Emollient Esters) and Fatty Ethoxylates. In Duisburg the Ḥalāl Certificate covers various Esters (Glyceryl- and Polyglycerylestes, Sucrose Esters, Emollient Esters) and Zinc Ricinoleates.

This group of products does not contain any additives, which could be qualified as impure (najis) according to Islamic law, are not produced from any impurity (najasat) and do not get in contact with any impurity during the production process. Muslim experts have evaluated this based on the existing list of additives and additional detailed documents as well as the visits of the plants in Essen and Duisburg on November 7, 2013.

“With this certification we have achieved an important step to significantly expand our business opportunities for oleochemicals based ingredients for personal care in the globally emerging markets”, said Dr. Klaus Jenni, Senior Product Compliance Manager of the Business Line Personal Care.

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#### **Company information**

Evonik, the creative industrial group from Germany, is one of the world leaders in specialty chemicals. Profitable growth and a sustained increase in the value of the company form the heart of Evonik's corporate strategy. Its activities focus on the key megatrends health, nutrition, resource efficiency and globalization. Evonik benefits specifically from its innovative prowess and integrated technology platforms.

Evonik is active in over 100 countries around the world. In fiscal 2012 more than 33,000 employees generated sales of around €13.4 billion and an operating profit (adjusted EBITDA) of about €2.4 billion (excluding Real Estate in both cases).

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