

Press Release

ALTANA completes acquisition of Water Ink Technologies

Wesel, October 2, 2009. The specialty chemicals group ALTANA AG has today concluded the purchase of the business of Water Ink Technologies, Inc. The company mainly produces water-based and UV inks, varnishes and coatings for narrow web applications at three sites in North Carolina / USA. With consolidated sales of around \$34 million in 2008, Water Ink Technologies is one of the leading manufacturers of these products in the U.S. Within the ALTANA Group, Water Ink Technologies will be integrated into the ACTEGA Coatings & Sealants division under the name of ACTEGA WIT.

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About ALTANA:

ALTANA develops and produces high-quality innovative products in the specialty chemicals business. The ALTANA Group, with headquarters in Wesel/Germany, is a genuine "global player" with 83% of its sales generated by international activities. The ALTANA Group has four divisions: **BYK** Additives & Instruments, **ECKART** Effect Pigments, **ELANTAS** Electrical Insulation, and **ACTEGA** Coatings & Sealants. All of these divisions occupy a leading position in their target markets with respect to quality, product solution expertise, innovation and service.

ALTANA offers innovative, environmentally compatible solutions with the matching specialty products for coating manufacturers, paint and plastic processors, the printing and cosmetic industries, and the electrical and electronic industry. The product range includes additives, special coatings and adhesives, effect pigments, sealants and compounds, impregnating resins & varnishes, and testing and measuring instruments.

At present, the ALTANA Group has 33 production facilities and 46 service and research laboratories worldwide. Throughout the group 4,600 people work to ensure the success of ALTANA worldwide. In 2008 ALTANA achieved sales of about 1.3 billion euros. Its impressive earning power and high growth rate make ALTANA one of the most successful and innovative chemical groups worldwide.

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