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RENOLIT takes a share in research firm

Joint project with Evonik Industries

Worms / Essen, 23. June 2008 – **RENOLIT AG**, Worms, is expanding its research activities by acquiring a 25,2 per cent share in SUNCOAT GmbH, located in Zittau in the German federal state of Saxony. The European Commission has granted clearance to the acquisition of joint control on June 13, 2008.

SUNCOAT, founded in 2003, is a company specialised in the development and manufacture of finished film surfaces. Another major shareholder in SUNCoat is Evonik Industries AG of Essen: “To us, this investment provides an important joint platform allowing Evonik and **RENOLIT** to strengthen both their current and future development projects,” says Dr. Axel Bruder, responsible for Research & Development within the **RENOLIT** Board of Directors.

The development focus of SUNCOAT lies in the field of nanotechnology, which by the variation of molecular structures generates new surface properties. The diminution of mineral compounds to an invisible range, for example, increases the films’ UV resistance or gloss level, scratch resistance or electrical conductivity. The new partners intend to benefit from both the know-how and the coating and laboratory capacities of SUNCOAT in order to complement their in-house development work and to test it to practical application.

The company

RENOLIT AG is an international leader in the manufacture of high-quality thermoplastic films and products. This independent family-run business, which has been setting benchmarks for quality and innovation for over 60 years, now employs a workforce of approximately 4,300



employees at its 35 production sites and sales companies. The **RENOLIT** brand enjoys a worldwide reputation for technical expertise, modern product design and customer-orientated service.

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