

## Press release

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### **RHODIA RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE FRONT-RANKING CHEMICAL COMPANIES WORLDWIDE IN THE AREA OF SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

**Paris, September 16, 2009** ---- For the second consecutive year, the Group has been selected for the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI World), the leading non-financial global index of the most efficient companies in the area of social and environmental responsibility.

Every year, DJSI World appraises the sustainable development performance of the world's 2,500 most highly capitalized companies through a questionnaire per industrial sector. Of the 90 chemical companies covered by the assessment, only ten – including Rhodia – have been listed.

With a score of 84%, Rhodia has again progressed in terms of environmental preservation with the good management of its energy consumption and the reduction of its greenhouse gas emissions. The Group was also praised for its sustainable purchasing policy as well as its Rhodia Way management system

*“Sustainable development, which forms an integral part of our management processes, represents a strong foundation for building corporate values and high-level performance. Our uncompromising position on social and environmental responsibility finds expression in the concrete pursuit of our activities and in our strategic vision. I am proud of this recognition that highlights the everyday commitment of all the Group’s employees and encourages us to make even further progress,”* said Jacques Khélicff, Group Vice-President, Sustainable Development.

**Rhodia** is an international chemical company resolutely committed to sustainable development. As a leader in its businesses, the Group aims to improve its customers’ performance through the pursuit of operational excellence and its ability to innovate. Structured around six Enterprises, Rhodia is the partner of major players in the automotive, electronics, flavors and fragrances, health, personal and home care markets, consumer goods and industrial markets. The Group employs around 14,500 people worldwide and generated sales of €4.8 billion in 2008. Rhodia is listed on Euronext Paris.

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