

## Press Release

### BYK Additives Passes on Price Increases

**Wesel, February 2, 2018** – BYK, one of the world's leading suppliers in the field of additives and measuring instruments, will raise its prices for additives by an average of 8%, effective from April 1, 2018, or as existing contracts permit.

This step is necessary to maintain the high service and innovation level of BYK Additives to its customers in light of increasing costs including raw material, transportation, energy, and regulatory costs. As a long-term partner for its customers, BYK continues to invest in sites, capabilities, and services to secure leading support globally.

This press release is also available on the Internet at [www.byk.com/press](http://www.byk.com/press).

BYK is one of the world's leading suppliers in the field of additives and measuring instruments. Additives are chemical substances which, when used in small quantities, improve product properties such as scratch resistance or surface gloss. Manufacturing processes are also optimized by the addition of additives.

The coatings, inks, and plastics industries are among the main consumers of BYK additives. Yet with the production of oil and gas, the manufacture of care products, the production of adhesives and sealants, and construction chemistry, too, BYK additives improve the product characteristics and production processes. Testing and measuring instruments from BYK can effectively evaluate the quality of color, gloss, and appearance as well as the physical properties of paint, plastic, and paper products and are an important part of quality control.

As a globally operating specialty chemicals company, BYK has production sites in Wesel, Kempen, Moosburg, Schkopau and Geretsried (Germany), Deventer, Denekamp and Nijverdal (Netherlands), Widnes (UK), Wallingford, Chester, Gonzales, Louisville, Rochester Hills, Earth City (USA) and Tongling (China).

Today the company employs around 2,200 people worldwide and forms part of the ALTANA Group.

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