



Press Release

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Opening of new Application Engineering Center and manufacturing expansion

Henkel strengthens its electronics footprint in India

Chennai, India – Henkel today announced the launch of a state-of-the-art Application Engineering Center in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, further strengthening the leadership of its Adhesive Technologies business in the electronics sector. The company will also be setting up an adhesive materials manufacturing plant for the electronics sector at its multi-technology manufacturing site in Kurkumbh, near Pune.

These investments underscore Henkel’s commitment to localization, innovation, and accelerated product development to meet the rapidly evolving demands of the region’s electronics industry. As India’s electronics industry is projected to grow exponentially in the next few years, Henkel’s expanded footprint positions it to strongly support this rapid growth.

“As the country solidifies its position as a global electronics manufacturing hub, Henkel is proud to reinforce its ‘Make in India’ commitment, and be a key partner in this journey,” said S Sunil Kumar, Country President for India at Henkel. “These new facilities in Chennai and Kurkumbh align with this growth, strengthening regional self-sufficiency and supply chain resilience. This marks an exciting milestone in our journey to better serve our global customer base while expanding our footprint in the region. It demonstrates our commitment to fostering long-term partnerships, driving innovation, and creating value for our customers.”

Located in Tamil Nadu – a key hub for global electronics manufacturing – the Chennai facility is designed to accelerate new product introductions (NPIs) and reduce time-to-market for customers. The center houses five specialized labs dedicated to advanced adhesive solutions and thermal management materials, essential for enhancing the reliability, durability, and sleek designs of smartphones, wearables, and other consumer electronics. Equipped with state-of-the-art dispensing systems, vacuum impregnation technologies for device waterproofing, and high-precision material analysis tools, the center enables rapid prototyping, proof-of-concept testing, and product validation. This center will enhance Henkel’s global innovation footprint,

complementing its existing sites in Germany, the US, China, Singapore, Japan, Korea and Vietnam. With these investments, Henkel further strengthens its role as a key innovation partner for electronics manufacturers worldwide.

Wen Zhou, Corporate Vice President Electronics at Henkel Adhesive Technologies, shared that these investments are a natural progression of the company's growth in India and the electronic market's supply chain diversification. "We meet our customers where they are," said Wen. "We have had established Indian operations for a long time, and with customers intensifying their operations in the region, we are investing in additional local capabilities to deliver collaborative NPI and product validation expertise with more immediacy."

The new plant in Kurkumbh will enhance Henkel's capabilities in high-performance adhesive and coating solutions, reinforcing its commitment to localization and meeting the evolving demands of India's electronics sector. The plant will benefit from the industry 4.0 based smart factory system deployed at the Kurkumbh manufacturing site, which enhances operational efficiency and product quality while minimizing downtime.

About Henkel

With its brands, innovations and technologies, Henkel holds leading market positions worldwide in the industrial and consumer businesses. The business unit Adhesive Technologies is the global leader in the market for adhesives, sealants and functional coatings. With Consumer Brands, the company holds leading positions especially in laundry & home care and hair in many markets and categories around the world. The company's three strongest brands are Loctite, Persil and Schwarzkopf. In fiscal 2023, Henkel reported sales of more than 21.5 billion euros and adjusted operating profit of around 2.6 billion euros. Henkel's preferred shares are listed in the German stock index DAX. Sustainability has a long tradition at Henkel, and the company has a clear sustainability strategy with specific targets. Henkel was founded in 1876 and today employs a diverse team of about 48,000 people worldwide – united by a strong corporate culture, shared values and a common purpose: "Pioneers at heart for the good of generations." More information at www.henkel.com

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The following picture material is available



Henkel has inaugurated its new Application Engineering Center for the electronics sector in Chennai, India. From left to right: Kevin Becker, Vice President Innovation for Electronics; Wen Zhou, Corporate Vice President for Electronics; S Sunil Kumar, Country President Henkel India; Timothy McKenney, Director, Strategy & PMO for Electronics and Jason Cheung, Head of Sales Consumer Device India and China