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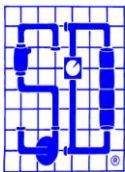
Scientific Design Opens its First Office in Shanghai, China

- **After more than 30 years serving the Chinese market, Scientific Design will now be even closer to our customers**
- **Scientific Design's first office in China marks a milestone and reflects further commitment to the Chinese market.**

October 18, 2012 Shanghai, China -- Scientific Design Company, Inc., one of the world's leading licensors of chemical process technology and supplier of related proprietary oxidation catalysts, today inaugurated its first representative office in Shanghai, China. Located in Shanghai's city centre, the office will play an active role in business development and customer service for China. The opening of the new office marks a new milestone for Scientific Design, reflecting its long-term commitment to the local market.

"China is one of our most important growth regions," said Mr. Robert Schneider, Senior Vice President of Scientific Design. "Since the early 1970s, Scientific Design has provided advanced chemical processes, outstanding professional products and premium services to the Chinese market. By opening our new representative office today, Scientific Design has taken a significant step to be even closer to our local customers, demonstrating our strong commitment to be a leader in China. It enables us to meet the growing demands of this very important emerging market, as well as reinforces our commitment to providing complete technology transfer to meet the needs of the Chinese chemical industry. In the future, we will continually strive to help our customers and ensure successful design, construction, start-up and operation in the chemical industry."

As a world leader in licensing proprietary chemical process technologies and supplying high performance catalysts, Scientific Design's technologies are used to produce millions of tons of products including polyesters, plastic bottles, vehicle components and consumer products in over 100 plants and 30 countries. Through innovative technology, a complete technology



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transfer is provided for customers according to their different needs. Moreover, Scientific Design combines expertise in both process design and catalyst development to optimize the performance of its chemical technologies. Utilizing its expertise in innovation and technology, Scientific Design will continue to provide continuous improvement for customers through sustainability and diversity.

About Scientific Design

As one of the world's leading licensors of chemical process technology, Scientific Design delivers outstanding technology transfer to our clients. We provide complete process design packages (PDPs) for the technologies we license and Scientific Design engineers bring total plant knowledge to the project, ensuring process performance and on-time completion. Scientific Design also provides catalysts for a variety of chemical process technologies. Our catalysts offer the highest performance, delivering optimized returns for our clients. Scientific Design's technical service engineers hold detailed discussions with plant personnel to ensure the start-up schedule and any special requirements are met, the catalyst is correctly loaded, and optimal performance is obtained. Primary technologies and catalysts offered by Scientific Design include those for the manufacture of ethylene oxide, ethylene glycols and ethylene oxide derivatives such as ethanolamines, glycol ethers and ethoxylated products.

Scientific Design thrives on helping clients accelerate business excellence by enabling them to operate more efficiently, safely and profitably.

We service our global clients from our headquarters in Little Ferry, New Jersey as well as our representative offices in China and Bahrain.

Scientific Design is a partnership company owned equally by Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) and Clariant AG.

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