



News Release

Ashland announces global distribution partnership with WACKER for cyclodextrins as excipients

WILMINGTON, Del., April 28, 2026, – Ashland announces an expanded, worldwide agreement with Wacker Chemie AG as the sole channel distribution partner for cyclodextrins as excipients in pharmaceuticals, including CAVAMAX*, CAVASOL* and Cavitron™. This builds upon the strength and commitment of an existing relationship that was first formalized under a prior agreement in 2013. Together, Ashland and WACKER now offer a broad range of unique solutions on a global basis, including a robust portfolio of native cyclodextrins and derivatives to help formulators achieve their desired benefits in final drug formulation.

“The Ashland pharma team is excited to expand our partnership with WACKER and grow our cyclodextrins business globally,” said Shawn Branning, global business line owner – Cyclodextrins and Biopharmaceuticals, Ashland. “This agreement signifies our belief and trust in WACKER to continue driving extremely high-quality products and production of new custom products and also represents WACKER’s confidence in Ashland’s technical expertise to support cyclodextrins as excipients in pharma, as well as our commercial capabilities.”

“Together we are poised for accelerated growth by extending and strengthening our successful marketing relationship, WACKER and Ashland have a strong foundation of innovation, which will make us a leading supplier to this important market,” said Scott Starr, director of sales, WACKER.

About Ashland

Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH) is a global additives and specialty ingredients company with a conscious and proactive mindset for environmental, social and governance (ESG). The company serves customers in a wide range of consumer and industrial markets, including architectural coatings, construction, energy, food and beverage, personal care and pharmaceutical. Approximately 2,900 passionate, tenacious solvers – from renowned scientists and research chemists to talented engineers and plant operators – thrive on

developing practical, innovative and elegant solutions to complex problems for customers in more than 100 countries. Visit [ashland.com](https://www.ashland.com) and [ashland.com/ESG](https://www.ashland.com/ESG) to learn more.

About WACKER

WACKER is a global company with state-of-the-art specialty chemical products found in countless everyday items, ranging from tile adhesives to computer chips. The company has a global network of 27 production sites, 22 technical competence centers and 47 sales offices. With more than 16,000 employees, WACKER generated annual sales of around €5.5 billion in fiscal 2025.

WACKER operates through four business divisions. The Silicones and Polymers chemical divisions supply products (silicones, polymeric binders) for the automotive, construction, chemical, consumer goods and medical technology industries. Biosolutions, the life sciences division, specializes in bioengineered products such as biopharmaceuticals and food additives. Polysilicon produces hyperpure polysilicon for the semiconductor and photovoltaic industries.

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