



Press Release

Christoph Henkel awarded honorary doctorate

Duesseldorf's Heinrich Heine University recognizes exceptional achievements

Duesseldorf, Germany/Gulph Mills, Penn., June 29, 2006 – The Heinrich Heine University of Duesseldorf has awarded Christoph Henkel, Vice Chairman of the Shareholders' Committee of Henkel KGaA, an honorary doctorate in recognition of both his exceptional professional achievements and his services to the university's Economics Faculty.

In awarding the doctorate to Christoph Henkel, the Vice-Dean of the Economics Faculty of Duesseldorf University, Prof. H. Jörg Thieme, described the recipient both as a man of science and an energetic supporter of entrepreneurial initiative. Exceptional achievements in science or practice and a close relationship with the Economics Faculty are prerequisites for the granting of an honorary doctorate of the Duesseldorf Heinrich Heine University. Henkel fulfilled both conditions in an outstanding way, Thieme said in his speech.

Christoph Henkel's achievements in science and practice are many and varied. Since 1994, he has established a number of successful companies. The many initiatives that he has promoted include the foundation of various companies and partnerships in the hotel sector, the establishment of a property fund and the establishment and entrepreneurial management of a portfolio of direct shareholdings in the biomedical and high-tech segments.

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Since 1989, moreover, Christoph Henkel served on the boards of several companies such as The Clorox Company (USA), Loctite Corporation (USA) and Head N.V. (Netherlands). Henkel is currently a member of the Board of SulphCo Inc. (USA). However, the prime focus of his work lies in the Shareholders' Committee of Henkel KGaA, which he joined as an ordinary member in 1991. Since 1994, he has served this committee as vice chairman, and since 2004 he has also been chairman of its Finance Subcommittee.

Christoph Henkel is also chairman of the Dr. Jost Henkel Foundation. This charitable foundation established in 1958 supports gifted young people as they continue their studies at universities, polytechnics and similar institutions of higher education. He is also chairman of the Konrad Henkel Foundation. The Konrad Henkel Award is bestowed annually on the most talented graduates of the Economics Faculty of the University of Duesseldorf.

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