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Henkel Takes Teamwork to a Whole New Level

-Employees across the country go international to run with colleagues in Berlin Marathon-

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., (September 25, 2006) – Nearly 50 Henkel employees from all over North America joined their colleagues in Berlin to run, walk and skate in the real, - Berlin Marathon on September 23 and 24. The international Henkel team, which consisted of 170 Henkel employees worldwide, started their 26.2-mile journey at Brandenburg Gate, Berlin, Germany.

More than 40,000 athletes from 100 nations gathered in Berlin for what is considered to be one of the world's fastest marathon courses – and the site of several world records. The marathon started for in-line skaters on Saturday, September 23; runners, power walkers and handbikers competed on Sunday, September 24. The circular, low-altitude course measured approximately 26.2 miles (42.195 km) long, and began and ended at Berlin's iconic Brandenburg Gate.

For the past three years, Henkel, which operates in three strategic business areas – Home Care, Personal Care, and Adhesives, Sealants and Surface Treatment – has sponsored an employee marathon team to support employee health and fitness, as well as to promote team building. In 2004, the international Henkel team ran in the Rhine Marathon in Düsseldorf, Germany, and in 2005, the team competed in the ING New York City Marathon.

“The marathon runners get to meet other Henkel employees from all over the world in a fun and exciting setting, and gain an appreciation for how international our company is,” said Cindy Demers, vice president, corporate communications for Henkel. “The sense of camaraderie carries over from the marathon course to the business office.”

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Eric Johnson, business director, Henkel, Madison Heights, Mich., ran with the Henkel team in New York last year and will compete in Chicago just one month after Berlin. He sees the Berlin Marathon as the next step in helping him achieve his ultimate goal of completing all five World Marathon Majors.

"This has been a great experience for me for many reasons. Not only did it give me the opportunity to stay in shape and train for upcoming races, but I also made many new friends on both a personal and professional level," Johnson said. "I enjoy the fellowship and encouragement between the Henkel runners."

Henkel of America, Inc. is the North American affiliate of Henkel KGaA, headquartered in Düsseldorf, Germany. Henkel markets a wide variety of consumer and industrial brands in North America, including Dial® soap, Purex® laundry detergent, Right Guard® antiperspirants, Dep® and got2b® hair styling products, Duck® brand duct tape and Loctite® adhesives. Henkel has grown significantly in the North American market during the past two years as the result of several acquisitions, and now generates 23 percent of its worldwide sales in North America.

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