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Hübner Schlösser & Cie advises H.C. Starck in the sale of the AMPERKAT business to Evonik

H.C. Starck, a specialist for the production of Refractory Metals & Advanced Ceramics and liquid Conductive Polymers, owned by Advent International and The Carlyle Group, sold its Laufenburg, Germany, based AMPERKAT® catalyst business to Evonik Degussa GmbH, Essen on February 26, 2010. The acquisition includes the know-how and technology for the production and application of activated nickel sponge metal catalysts, also known as skeleton-metal catalysts, and customized carrier catalysts for use in the pharmaceutical and food industries as well as in the production of fine chemicals.



H.C. Starck has sold its AMPERKAT® product line not being part of its core product portfolio any more. H.C. Starck Group's business with catalyst precursors based on tungsten, molybdenum, tantalum, niobium and rhenium will not be affected by this sale. These products will remain an important part of the company's product portfolio.

The acquisition of Amperkat® catalysts complements Evonik's present range of products and customized solutions which includes the production of activated metal catalysts based on spray alloys and in tablet form.

Hübner Schlösser & Cie advised the seller in all phases of the transaction (asset deal) including the identification and approach of potential buyers, the production of the Investment Memorandum, Due Diligence process and the negotiations with the buyer.

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