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Premier Chemicals chooses World Gold Council's Gold 2009 Conference to announce exclusive distribution agreement with 3M for the Gold Catalyst, NanAucat™

World Gold Council has welcomed the news that Premier Chemicals has chosen its Gold 2009 conference, being held at and co-organised by the University of Heidelberg between 26 – 29 July, to announce the exclusive distribution agreement with 3M for its gold catalyst, NanAucat™.

Gold is increasingly being used in industrial and scientific applications, as its unique attributes, including its properties at the nanoscale, are becoming more fully understood and recognised. 3M develop world class products designed to protect workers from hazardous contaminants and gaseous vapours in the work environment and the gold catalyst product is the latest in their portfolio of industry leading filtration technology. Premier Chemicals will deliver this product to market under the brand name NanAucat™.

Dr Richard Holliday, Director, Industrial, at World Gold Council, said:

"World Gold Council supports and encourages innovations using gold in industrial applications through its market development programmes. 3M's gold catalyst is a perfect example of how gold's unique properties make it ideal for use in technology and the benefits it can bring to an important end-user industry. Premier Chemicals is well placed to market and distribute this product and we believe this will be a good commercial partnership to grow the market for gold-based catalysts"

World Gold Council has recognised the importance of gold-based science and innovation in supporting new industrial uses of the metal for many years. The series of gold technology conferences that it organises provides an opportunity for the academic and commercial communities to exchange and discuss ideas in this field. Preceding conferences in this series have been praised by experts in the industry as a forum for learning about and discussing the latest advances in gold technology and encouraging important new industrial applications for gold. This year's conference is co-organised by the University of Heidelberg and takes place there between Sunday 26 – Wednesday 29 July 2009.

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Notes to Editors:

World Gold Council

World Gold Council's mission is to stimulate and sustain the demand for gold and to create enduring value for its stakeholders. It is funded by the world's leading gold mining companies. For further information visit www.gold.org

GOLD 2009

The 5th international conference on gold science, technology and its applications takes place at the University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany between Sunday 26 - Wednesday 29 July 2009. This conference follows the successful and stimulating conferences held in Cape Town (2001),



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Vancouver (2003) and Limerick (2006) and the earlier meeting on *'Progress in the Science and Technology of Gold'* which took place in Hanau, Germany in 1996. Many scientists and technologists in academia and industry have praised the excellence of these forums, where they can come together to learn of and discuss the latest advances, with the overall objective of encouraging important new industrial applications for gold. The conference will cover all aspects of the science, technology and applications of gold under the principal themes: Catalysis, Chemistry, Nanotechnology and Materials.