



## Momentive Sells NXT Z\* Silanes in United States

*Breakthrough Material, Now Widely Available to Silica Tire Manufacturers in USA, May Enhance Production and Lower Costs While Virtually Eliminating Ethanol Emissions*

WILTON, Conn., October 18, 2007 — Momentive Performance Materials today announced that its NXT Z\* family of silanes is now commercially available in the United States. Excellent products to consider for ease of manufacturing and possible reduction of production cost for silica tires, NXT Z silanes may virtually eliminate ethanol emissions and help produce higher performing silica tires. NXT Z silanes have been formally registered on the US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) list and registration is underway globally, including in Europe, Canada, China, Australia and Japan.

Momentive's newest coupling agents for silica tires, NXT Z silanes are essentially ethanol free and offer the potential for one-pass mixing and shelf-stable silica compounds for which the NXT\* family is known. Excellent candidates to enhance the wear, traction and rolling resistance properties of silica tires while dramatically reducing emissions, four NXT Z silanes are currently available in the United States: NXT Z 30 silane, NXT Z 45 silane, NXT Z 60 silane and NXT Z 100 silane. Momentive will also offer these four silanes in powder form, carried on carbon black.

"NXT Z silanes represent a groundbreaking advancement for manufacturers of silica tires, underscoring our commitment to helping our customers meet their most challenging performance objectives with outstanding new science and research," said Mike Stout, global marketing manager, Momentive. "NXT Z silanes may help control silica tire production costs and meet increasingly stringent environmental requirements, and also allow for improved wear, traction, tire life and overall product performance. We are very pleased to be able to offer NXT Z silanes to our US customers, and, in the near future, we expect to expand commercial availability globally."

To find out more about NXT Z silanes, please call 800.295.2392 in North America (+607.786.8131 everywhere else) or visit [www.momentive.com](http://www.momentive.com).

### **About Momentive Performance Materials**

Momentive Performance Materials is a premier specialty materials company, providing high-technology materials solutions to the silicones, quartz and ceramics markets. The company is a global leader with worldwide operations, a robust product portfolio, industry-leading research and development capabilities, and a long tradition of service excellence.

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