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Umicore's Annual Report 2011 goes online

Umicore published its new-look Annual Report today. The report offers a fully integrated view of Umicore's economic, environmental and social performance. A new online reporting centre enables readers to create their own customized report and offers additional functionality such as video case studies and data downloads.

Tim Weekes, Umicore's Director of Group Communications said: "This is an important step in our reporting journey. It builds on our long experience in integrated reporting and has incorporated more than two years of stakeholder feedback. We focus more on the issues that are really material for us and offer a balanced story that reflects not only our successes but also the challenges we face. We hope that the interactive aspects of the report will also help bring our story to life."

Key performance aspects for Umicore in 2011 were:

- Strong economic performance with profitability reaching record levels.
- Significant new investments in major growth areas – four of these can be explored through video case studies: www.umincore.com/reporting/casestudies/.
- Further increase in research & development efforts.
- Mixed safety performance. We launched new programmes to ensure further progress towards our goal of zero accidents.
- CO₂ emissions were 14% below those of our reference year 2006 for the same scope of activity.
- The impact of our metal emissions to air and water were down 40% and 31% respectively compared to our reference year of 2009.
- We made strides in implementing our sustainable procurement charter.
- We stepped up our community engagement efforts and donations reached a record level of € 1.8 million.

To visit the online reporting centre visit www.umincore.com/reporting or scan the QR-code. English, French and Dutch versions of the report can be accessed in the reporting centre and can be downloaded in a pdf format.



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Umicore profile

Umicore is a global materials technology group. It focuses on application areas where its expertise in materials science, chemistry and metallurgy makes a real difference. Its activities are centred on four business areas: Catalysis, Energy Materials, Performance Materials and Recycling. Each business area is divided into market-focused business units offering materials and solutions that are at the cutting edge of new technological developments and essential to everyday life.

Umicore generates the majority of its revenues and dedicates most of its R&D efforts to clean technologies, such as emission control catalysts, materials for rechargeable batteries and photovoltaics, fuel cells, and recycling. Umicore's overriding goal of sustainable value creation is based on an ambition to develop, produce and recycle materials in a way that fulfils its mission: materials for a better life.

The Umicore Group has industrial operations on all continents and serves a global customer base; it generated a turnover of € 14.5 billion (€ 2.3 billion excluding metal) in 2011 and currently employs some 14,600 people.