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## GRACE APPOINTS OPERATING SEGMENT CHIEF COUNSEL

Columbia, Maryland—May 6, 2010—W. R. Grace & Co. (NYSE: GRA) announced today the appointment of Alexander Nielsen as Chief Counsel for Grace Construction Products, an operating segment of Grace.

Mr. Nielsen joined Grace in April 2007 as Director of European Legal Services, based in Waterloo, Belgium. Prior to that, he served as Legal Counsel for IBM Central Holding GmbH, based in Stuttgart, Germany. He began his legal career with the firm Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in Frankfurt, Germany.

Mr. Nielsen's legal experience is wide ranging, including commercial agreements, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and general corporate and commercial law matters. He earned his law degree at the University of Heidelberg in Germany and holds a Masters of Law from the University of Illinois. A native of Germany, Mr. Nielsen is fluent in English and German and conversant in French, Spanish and Italian.



Alexander Nielsen

In his new role, Mr. Nielsen will provide comprehensive worldwide legal support to Grace Construction Products, including assistance on corporate and commercial matters and strategic transactions. He will be based in Cambridge, Massachusetts and will report functionally to Mark Shelnitz, Grace's General Counsel, and hierarchically to Andrew Bonham, President of Grace Construction Products. He will also become the eleventh member of Grace Construction Products' leadership team.

"Alexander's broad experience and familiarity with multiple legal systems makes him a perfect fit for Grace Construction Products as it continues to expand globally," said Mark Shelnitz. "We are fortunate to appoint someone of Alexander's professional ability and look forward to his contributions to the business and the GCP leadership team."

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Grace Construction Products produces specialty construction chemicals and materials, including concrete admixtures and fibers used to improve the durability and working properties of concrete; additives used in cement processing to improve energy efficiency, enhance the characteristics of finished cement and improve ease of use; building materials used in commercial and residential construction and renovation to protect buildings from water, vapor and air penetration; and fireproofing materials used to protect buildings in the event of fire.

Grace is a leading global supplier of catalysts and other products to petroleum refiners; catalysts for the manufacture of plastics; silica-based engineered and specialty materials for a wide range of industrial applications; sealants and coatings for food and beverage packaging, and specialty chemicals, additives and building materials for commercial and residential construction. Founded in 1854, Grace has operations in over 40 countries. For more information, visit Grace's web site at [www.grace.com](http://www.grace.com).

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