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GRACE WELCOMES CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Columbia, Maryland—June 2, 2010—W. R. Grace & Co. (NYSE: GRA) announced today that Dwight H. Van Inwegen has joined the company as Chief Financial Officer for Grace Construction Products.

In this role, he has responsibility for the worldwide financial management activities for Grace Construction Products, an operating segment of Grace that had revenues of \$889.6 million in 2009.

Mr. Van Inwegen will be based at Grace's office in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and share a reporting relationship to Andrew Bonham, President of Grace Construction Products and Hudson La Force, Grace's Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. He will serve on the Grace Construction Products and Grace Finance leadership teams.

Most recently, Mr. Van Inwegen was the Chief Financial Officer, Europe, Middle East and Africa for International Paper, a global paper and packaging company with about 56,000 employees in more than 20 countries and net sales of \$23 billion in 2009. His career with International Paper spanned twenty years, starting as an auditor and advancing through plant controllerships, and director level positions in finance and financial planning and analysis. Over that time period, he worked at several U.S. and European locations, including Memphis, Tennessee; Warsaw, Poland and Brussels, Belgium.

Mr. Van Inwegen graduated from the University of Tennessee with an honors degree in accounting. He is a certified public accountant.

"We are pleased to welcome Dwight to Grace and know that he will be a significant resource given his impressive experience in manufacturing operations and finance administration around the world," said Andrew Bonham.





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.

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