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Brenntag and Evonik expand cooperation in Europe

Effective October 1, 2009 Evonik Industries, headquartered in Essen, (Germany), announces the extension of its current cooperation with Brenntag, based in Mülheim an der Ruhr (Germany) for the distribution of the product groups VESTAMID®, TROGAMID®, VESTODUR® and VESTAMELT®. The sales region covers Europe except for Italy and Scandinavia.

Brenntag has been a partner of Evonik Röhm in Germany and Eastern Europe for many years for the distribution of PLEXIGLAS® molding compounds and the small-scale compounding of PLEXIGLAS®. In January 2009 the successful cooperation was extended to France. Steve Holland, Chief Operating Officer Brenntag Group: "Our extended partnership with Evonik marks a tremendous achievement for Brenntag. We are now in the position to enlarge our existing Polymers product portfolio and therefore can provide our customers with individual and innovative product and compounding solutions in a targeted manner. We are dedicated to building long-term partnerships and we are happy to have Evonik as our partner".

„The expanded cooperation is the result of our efforts to harmonise our European distribution landscape - a process which started in 2007. We are convinced that this strategic step enables us to identify synergies which will strengthen our partnerships with smaller customers”, explains Dr. Joachim Leluschko, Evonik Degussa, responsible for the business unit High Performance Polymers.

About Brenntag

Brenntag recorded global 2008 sales of EUR 7.4 billion (USD 10.8 billion). Today the company operates in excess of 300 locations with more than 11,000 people in 64 countries. In keeping with the company's strong position in world markets, Brenntag is committed to providing value to its

customers and suppliers through superior supply chain logistics, single sourcing, technical assistance and other value added services. Brenntag offers an unrivalled, extensive and state-of-the-art distribution network for industrial and specialty chemicals to its suppliers and customers alike throughout the world.

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About Evonik

Evonik Industries is the creative industrial group from Germany which operates in three business areas: Chemicals, Energy and Real Estate. Evonik is a global leader in specialty chemicals, an expert in power generation from hard coal and renewable energies, and one of the largest private residential real estate companies in Germany. Our strengths are creativity, specialization, continuous self-renewal, and reliability. Evonik is active in over 100 countries around the world. In its fiscal year 2008 about 41,000 employees generated sales of about EUR 15.9 billion and an operating profit (EBITDA) of about EUR 2.2 billion.