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## **Brenntag strengthens market presence in Turkey**

Brenntag, the global leader in chemical distribution, announces the acquisition of the Turkish Specialty Chemicals distributors Aromaster, Ltd. and Trend Gida, Ltd. Both distributors operate as partner of Givaudan, one of the most respected companies in the international fragrance and flavour industry. To extend its leadership position, Givaudan acquired Quest International in 2007 from ICI Group. Since then, the company continuously streamlines its distribution activities in Turkey with Brenntag as exclusive distribution partner.

Brenntag CEE acquired Givaudan's distributor Aromaster Ltd. already in May 2008. The acquisition of Trend Gida Ltd., former distributor of Quest International, has now been executed in a second step. The product portfolio of both Specialty Chemicals distributors comprises liquid and powder flavours. Following the transactions, Brenntag is the exclusive distribution partner of Givaudan in the flavour segment in Turkey.

“The acquisition of Aromaster and Trend Gida strengthens our presence in the South East European chemical distribution market. We look forward to furthermore increase Brenntags attractiveness and services for our suppliers and customers alike in the food and beverage industry, which is our strongest division of our business in the CEE Region”, says Helmut Struger, Managing Director Brenntag Central and Eastern Europe.

With external sales of Euro 680 million in 2007 Brenntag is the leading chemical distributor in Central and Eastern Europe. Brenntag CEE is established in 14 countries with 1,400 people. 32,000 customers are regularly served through Brenntag CEE's network of 50 locations.

Brenntag recorded global 2007 sales of EUR 6.7 billion (USD 9.1 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.