

Press Release

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Brenntag strengthens chemical distribution in South Africa with the official formation of Brenntag South Africa (Pty) Ltd.

Brenntag, the global market leader in chemical distribution, has officially founded Brenntag South Africa (Pty) Ltd. Following the merger of the separate operating entities Lionheart, Plastichem, Multilube and Warren Chem Specialities, **Brenntag South Africa** has officially been launched on October 1, 2017. The business includes chemical distribution and services in Life Science (food, nutrition, pharma and personal care), Material Science (plastics, rubbers, polymers and lubricants) as well as Industrial Sales and Services.

Michael Thomson, President Brenntag Africa: "The new company has a focused commercial set-up, specifically tailored to Customer Industry Sectors and leveraging on the expertise and skills of the former individual companies, ensuring that the business is strategically and operationally better positioned to realize growth. Bringing the individual companies together has allowed for the development of a customer centered approach, aided by dedicated Product Management, strengthened departments for Safety, Quality & Regulatory Affairs and more streamlined and efficient Operations functions."

Carl Blomme, Regional President Brenntag Europe West and MEA: "The new structure is a perfect commercial organization leveraging our expertise to serve our valued customers and suppliers. It is of mutual benefit to both employees and the company. Due to our performance excellence culture, our focused organization will create an environment where individuals can develop and where we can assure delivering the best services to our business partners."

Brenntag South Africa is one of the leading chemical distributors for Specialty Chemicals in the southern African region. The new company has about 180 employees and locations in Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban.

About Brenntag:

Brenntag, the global market leader in chemical distribution, covers all major markets with its extensive product and service portfolio. Headquartered in Mülheim an der Ruhr, Germany, the company operates a global network with more than 550 locations in 74 countries. In 2016, the company, which has a global workforce of around 15,000 employees, generated sales of EUR 10.5 billion (USD 11.6 billion). Brenntag connects chemical manufacturers and chemical users. The company supports its customers and suppliers with tailor-made distribution solutions for industrial and specialty chemicals. With over 10,000 products and a world-class supplier base, Brenntag offers one-stop-shop solutions to around 185,000 customers. This includes specific application technology, an extensive technical support and value-added services such as just-in-time delivery, product mixing, formulation, repackaging, inventory management and drum return handling. Long-standing experience and local excellence in the individual countries characterize the global market leader for chemical distribution.

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