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Brenntag acquires French chemical distributor Metausel

Brenntag, the global market leader in full-line chemical distribution, announces the acquisition of the chemical distribution assets of Metausel, headquartered in Strasbourg, France.

Established in 1934, Metausel distributes mainly industrial chemicals into various industries such as Painting & Constructions, Food, Pharmaceuticals, Water Treatment and Surface Treatment. The company serves customers in the Alsace-Lorraine area which is one of the strongest economic regions in France.

Yves Merolle, Managing Director Brenntag France: "This acquisition increases our market-penetration in the Alsace-Lorraine region. Furthermore we will benefit from Metausel's broad customer range, excellent relationships to suppliers, high quality products and value-added services. With this step we strengthen our position as the most attractive and leading chemical distributor in France".

Brenntag is the global market leader in full-line chemical distribution (based on most recent market data). Linking chemical manufacturers and chemical users, Brenntag provides business-to-business distribution solutions for industrial and specialty chemicals globally. With over 10,000 products and a vast supplier base, Brenntag offers one-stop shop solutions to more than 150,000 customers. The value-added services include just-in-time delivery, product mixing, formulation, repackaging, inventory management, drum return handling as well as technical services. Headquartered in Mülheim an der Ruhr, Germany, Brenntag operates a global network with more than 400 locations in over 60 countries. In 2008 the company realized global sales of EUR 7.4 billion (USD 10.8 billion) with more than 11,000 people.