

Press release

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Brenntag joins industry initiative “Together for Sustainability”

Brenntag, the global market leader in chemical distribution, has joined the initiative “Together for Sustainability” (TfS). TfS was set up in 2011 by six leading multinational chemical companies. Its goal is to establish a standardized global programme for the responsible procurement of goods and services in the chemical industry and to improve ecological and social standards at supplier companies. Brenntag is the first chemical distributor in the initiative that so far only includes chemical manufacturers. It is aiming to complete the TfS on-boarding process by 2016.

“Brenntag fulfils an important key function in the supply chain of the chemical industry. As a result, sustainability has long been part of our business model and is firmly integrated into our processes,” explains Karsten Beckmann, Member of the Board of Management at Brenntag AG. Brenntag has therefore adhered to the principles of the Responsible Care Programme for many years. The company operates internationally to the highest environmental and safety standards and joined the United Nations Global Compact in 2014. Brenntag actively engages with EcoVadis, an international assessment company for sustainability performance.

“TfS provides us with an ideal platform to improve the supply chain in the area of sustainability. A global assessment programme is fundamental to the long term success and future development of sustainability for both, our customers and suppliers,” says Karsten Beckmann.

Rüdiger Eberhard, Chief Procurement Officer at Evonik Industries and TfS President, says, “As the global market leader in chemical distribution, Brenntag is an important link in the supply chain and will help to improve the sustainability performance of the industry as a whole. We are delighted to welcome Brenntag at TfS, and we are confident that Brenntag will meet the high standards for a TfS membership.”

As part of the TfS network, Brenntag actively engages with its suppliers and external service providers in terms of environmental, health and safety aspects, labour and human rights, and ethical corporate management. Resulting information will be used jointly and confidentially within the TfS network, and will provide efficiency benefits for customers and suppliers alike.

Further information about TfS can be found at www.tfs-initiative.com.

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 490 locations in 72 countries. In 2014, the company, which has a global workforce of more than 13,500, generated sales of EUR 10.0 billion (USD 13.3 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 170,000 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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