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Brenntag acquires leading regional distributor of industrial chemicals G.S. Robins & Company in St. Louis, USA

Brenntag, the global market leader in chemical distribution, has announced the completion of the acquisition of G.S. Robins & Company, a leading regional distributor of industrial chemicals headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri. The acquisition enables Brenntag to improve its presence in several of Brenntag’s focus industries including the Food & Beverage and Water Treatment industries. Brenntag will integrate G.S. Robins & Company into its North American operations within the next six months, utilizing a proven and efficient integration process developed over multiple acquisitions. G.S Robins & Company has an enterprise value of USD 43 million.

William Fidler, Member of the Management Board of Brenntag AG and President and CEO of Brenntag North America, Inc. stated: “Brenntag and G.S. Robins & Company share a similar geographical distribution area with both companies bringing complementary products, services and industry knowledge to the many customers in that region. By bundling the experience and market penetration of two successful companies the acquisition provides a firm foundation for continued growth and expanded service capabilities in an important and growing market for Brenntag”.

G.S. Robins & Company is a family owned and operated business for more than 85 years. The company is primarily a distributor of industrial chemicals with custom blending services and specialty packaging in eight facilities. In 2010 the company generated sales of USD 96 million, a gross profit of USD 20.3 million and EBITDA of USD 6.8 million.
About Brenntag:
Brenntag is the global market leader in full-line chemical distribution. 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 world-class supplier base, Brenntag offers one-stop-shop solutions to about 160,000 customers. The value-added services include just-in-time delivery, product mixing, formulation, repackaging, inventory management, drum return handling as well as extensive technical support. Headquartered in Mülheim an der Ruhr, Germany, the company operates a global network with more than 400 locations in nearly 70 countries. In 2010 the company realized global sales of EUR 7.6 billion (USD 10.1 billion) with more than 12,000 employees.

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