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## **Brenntag acquires Canadian distributor Wil-Chem**

Effective September 8, 2006, Brenntag, the global leader in the growth market for the distribution of chemicals, has acquired Wil-Chem Specialty Chemicals, Inc., Alberta, Canada.

Founded in 1981, Wil-Chem evolved into a highly successful organization focused on the Oil and Gas Production Industry. This acquisition provides strategic importance to Brenntag's presence in the expanding production chemicals sector as well as providing a line of highly effective formulations to complement Brenntag's current offerings.

Jim Doyle, Executive Vice President Brenntag North America: "Wil-Chem is a quality, niche acquisition in line with our global growth strategy focusing on the Oil and Gas Industry." The Wil-Chem operation will be consolidated into Brenntag's regional subsidiary Brenntag Canada Inc.

With sales amounting to USD 6.6 billion in the business year 2005 and 9,200 employees worldwide in 50 countries, Brenntag is the global leader in the growing market for chemical distribution. Underlying the company's strong position in world markets, Brenntag is committed to providing value to its customers and suppliers through superior supply chain logistics, national accounts programs and value-added services. Capitalizing on leading regional market positions and worldwide experience, Brenntag provides a "one-stop-shop" for over 25,000 chemical products to more than 150,000 customers. To its suppliers and customers alike, Brenntag offers in both Europe and the Americas an unrivaled, extensive and state-of-the-art distribution network for industrial and specialty chemicals.