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### **Columbian Chemicals Co. names Brenntag as new distributor**

In July, 2006, Columbian Chemicals Co. has appointed Brenntag, the global leader in the chemical distribution market, as distributor for Columbian's high quality industrial and rubber carbon blacks in Mexico.

This partnership began in 2005 when Columbian selected Brenntag to be the sole distributor of its products in several South American countries and the Caribbean. With its consolidated distribution channels and state-of-the-art distribution network, Brenntag also meets the demands of Columbian for the Mexican market. "Columbian's customers in Mexico will now have access to Brenntag's proven high level service," says Jas Sandhu, vice president of global marketing Columbian Chemicals Co.

Michael Hansson, Director of Strategic Sourcing at Brenntag Latin America, Inc. says, the cooperation is a perfect strategic fit for Brenntag; "With the cooperation we strengthen our leading position in Mexico, one of the major markets in Latin America. Furthermore, carbon black means an important addition to our portfolio of products for the rubber, plastics and paint & coatings markets."