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### **Brenntag invests in the future of its Hamburg location**

Brenntag GmbH, the German subsidiary of Brenntag, the world market leader in chemicals distribution, re-opened its logistics center in Hamburg on November 9, 2007. After a construction period of 2 years, the entire infrastructure of the company's 55,000 m<sup>2</sup> grounds has been updated and modernized.

"By investing in the future of our Hamburg subsidiary we have responded to the rising demands of our customers and suppliers. We are now able to increase the efficiency of our process flows and fulfill our high requirements for a comprehensive professional distribution network across Germany", says Uwe Schültke, Managing Director and responsible for the Industrial Chemicals Division of Brenntag GmbH.

Major aspects of the modernization include state-of-the-art technology in the filling, order-picking, mixing and loading / unloading areas, a new office building with a high-quality laboratory and seven new warehouses providing a covered storage area of 10,000 m<sup>2</sup> and equipped with the most up-to-date storage technology and sprinkler systems. These upgrades have turned the Hamburg location into a crucial center for Brenntag's chemicals distribution in North Germany. An additional focal point included the innovative and future-orientated field of GMP (Good Manufacturing Practice) filling. In preparation for the upcoming GMP certification, a clean room with new filling technology was built that meets the GMP requirements, as well as a pump island with Dedicated Lines (material-specific pipelines). The integrated system is rounded off by two automatic sluices leading into the new warehouses for full and empty containers.

## **About Brenntag in Germany**

Brenntag GmbH has 12 locations and 850 employees in Germany. The Hamburg subsidiary mainly supplies companies from the metal, paint / varnish, pharmaceutical, sewage plant and processing industries in North Germany. With a tank capacity of approximately 2,300 m<sup>3</sup> and its own vehicle fleet of tankers, it is one of the most productive and efficient locations in Germany. In addition to pure chemicals distribution, the Brenntag Hamburg location also offers a wide variety of services, such as the production of formulations and compounds tailored to the customer's specifications.

For more detailed information see the company website: [www.brenntag.de](http://www.brenntag.de)

## **About Brenntag worldwide**

In 2006 Brenntag once again succeeded in underpinning its position as one of the world's leading chemical distributors. The company recorded external sales of EUR 6.1 billion (US\$ 7.6 billion).

Brenntag operates more than 300 locations with more than 10,000 people in 50 countries. In keeping with the company's strong position in world markets, Brenntag is committed to providing value to its customers and suppliers through superior supply chain logistics, single sourcing and value added services. Brenntag offers an unrivalled, extensive and state-of-the-art distribution network for industrial and specialty chemicals to its suppliers and customers alike, both in Europe and the Americas.

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