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Brenntag opens new storage and distribution center in the Netherlands

On June 13, 2008 Brenntag, the global leader in chemical distribution, will open a new site in the Chemiehaven of Rotterdam Port (The Netherlands).

At the new facility, which will replace the 40 years old former location on the opposite of the Chemiehaven, Brenntag will store, handle and distribute a broad range of bulk and packed solvents and products.

Built on an area of 30,000 m² the new site is adjacent to the Vopak terminal with whom an innovative and efficient integration of facilities has been developed: Bulk solvents are stored as well in own underground tanks of 50m³ each as in high volume tanks (800-1200 m³) at the Vopak site. Both sites are connected with pipe-lines allowing Brenntag to handle the products at its own site.

“Also other partners can take advantage of this cooperation; for example by storing their products at Vopak and using the Brenntag facilities for handling & distribution”, says Carl Blomme, Managing Director Brenntag in the Benelux.

Another accomplishment includes an ultra-modern truck-loading area where bulk solvents are loaded into trucks. Drums are filled at one of the drum-filling stations, automatically palletized and thereafter stored in the warehouse. In a second warehouse the packed products Brenntag distributes are stored. Both warehouses have a capacity of 6,300 pallets each. Furthermore the site also has extensive mixing & blending facilities and a new office building.

The new facilities are compliant with the strictest legislations, regulations & guidelines on safety, health & environment. More than 30% of the total investment is HSE related.

“Thanks to the efficient set-up and the flexibility created through the connection with the Vopak terminal this new site will support the further development of Brenntag in the Netherlands in terms of the distribution of solvents and chemicals as well as our service and quality for Customers and Suppliers”, says Steve Holland, Chief Executive Brenntag Europe.

Brenntag Nederland B.V. is a leading distributor of chemicals in the Netherlands with over 240 employees.

Brenntag recorded 2007 external sales of EUR 6.7 billion (US\$ 9.1 billion). Brenntag operates in excess of 300 locations with more than 11,000 people in 55 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, technical assistance and other 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 throughout the world.