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BC Partners places 7 million shares of Brenntag AG with institutional investors

- **Freefloat reaches nearly 64 percent**
- **7 million shares with a volume of over EUR 500 million sold**

Brachem Acquisition S.C.A., controlled by BC Partners funds and largest shareholder of Brenntag AG, today placed 7 million shares of Brenntag AG for a price of EUR 71.50 per share with institutional investors in an accelerated bookbuilding process. This transaction is the second successful placement after the stock listing in March 2010. The freefloat now reaches 64 percent.

Also after today's transaction, funds managed by BC Partners indirectly remain Brenntag's largest shareholders. In addition a new lock-up period of 180 days was agreed. The shares were placed in the market by Goldman Sachs International.

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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 vast supplier base, Brenntag offers one-stop shop solutions to more than 150,000 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, Brenntag operates a global network

with more than 400 locations in more than 60 countries. In 2009 the company realized global sales of EUR 6.4 billion (USD 8.9 billion) with approximately 11,000 people.