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Brenntag to represent Germany in Europe's most competitive business awards competition

The European Business Awards sponsored by HSBC has announced today that Brenntag is to represent Germany as one of 25 German companies in the prestigious 2011 Awards program. Brenntag beat out stiff competition to be selected as one of 25 country representatives and will now compete for a coveted Ruban d'Honneur in the next round of the competition. The Ruban d'Honneur is awarded to up to ten successful entrants in each category. It is from the Ruban d'Honneur recipients that the final winner in each category is selected. The final category award winners will be unveiled on 22nd of November in Barcelona, where Brenntag hopes to win the category for "International Growth Strategy of the Year".

Brenntag as the global market leader in full-line chemical distribution is continuing its growth path and just presented record results for 2010. Linking chemical manufacturers and chemical users, Brenntag provides business-to-business distribution solutions for industrial and specialty chemicals globally. One of the biggest milestones in the company's history Brenntag achieved with the successful initial public offering (IPO) on March 29, 2010. The quick advancement to the MDAX on June 21, 2010 was a proof for the growth strategy of Brenntag.

Hubertus Spethmann, Vice President Corporate Communications says: "At Brenntag we're very delighted to be selected to represent Germany. It's an honor to be recognized as one of the leading organizations in our country and in our field. We're looking forward to the next round of the competition."

The European Business Awards is dedicated to raising the visibility and progress of companies who excel in delivering innovation twinned with successful commercial results whilst acting responsibly and positively affecting the social environment they operate in.

John Casey, HSBC Head of Commercial Banking Europe, commented: "The European Business Awards provide a perfect opportunity to recognize the best of European business and their successes over the past twelve months. These companies have displayed an impressive ability to thrive despite challenging economic conditions, pursuing growth and creating prosperity.

Their recognition is highly deserved, and through the European Business Awards their success – and the stories behind that - can be shared across the wider business community. We look forward to celebrating alongside these inspirational businesses and wish them every success at the next stage of judging.”

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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 world-class supplier base, Brenntag offers one-stop-shop solutions to about 160,000 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/Ruhr, Germany, the company operates a global network with more than 400 locations in nearly 70 countries. In 2010 the company realized global sales of EUR 7.6 billion (USD 10.1 billion) with more than 12,000 employees.

About the European Business Awards 2011:

The European Business Awards recognizes and rewards excellence, best practice and innovation in companies across the European Union. The competition is free to enter and open to organizations of all sizes and from any industry sector.

The European Business Awards program serves the three purposes for the European business community:

- It provides examples for the business community to aspire
- It celebrates and endorses individual's and organization's success
- It provides case studies and content for learning from these exceptional organizations

An innovative, strong and thriving business community makes a successful and prosperous Europe.

The European Business Awards categories are:

The UKTI Award for Innovation

The HSBC International Growth Strategy of the Year Award

The Award for Environmental and Corporate Responsibility

The Award for Customer Focus

The Employer of the Year Award

The RSM International Entrepreneur of the Year Award

The HSBC Import/Export Award

The Infosys Business of the Year Award (T/O € 0-25m)

The Infosys Business of the Year Award (T/O € 26-150m)

The Infosys Business of the Year Award (T/O € 150m +)