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**Brenntag completes acquisition of ISM/Salkat Group in Australia and New Zealand**

Today Brenntag, global market leader in chemical distribution, completed the acquisition of the entire business of the ISM/Salkat Group. This strategic acquisition significantly expands Brenntag’s market position in Australia and New Zealand and enlarges the existing specialty product portfolio in the region. ISM/Salkat Group is a leading distributor of specialty chemicals in Australia and New Zealand.

Steven Holland, CEO Brenntag Group: “By acquiring the ISM/Salkat Group we make a significant step in building up the capability of Brenntag’s network in Australia and New Zealand. We look forward to working together with the highly experienced management team of the ISM/Salkat Group in order to further position Brenntag as a full-line chemical distributor with an extensive and competitive platform in Asia-Pacific.

ISM/Salkat Group is a specialty chemical distributor with a broad range of products servicing diverse industry segments in partnership with some of the world’s largest manufacturers of chemical products. It has a strong and highly experienced management team.

The ISM/Salkat Group expects sales of AUD 117 million.

**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 an der Ruhr, Germany, the company operates a global network with more than 400 locations in 68 countries. In 2011 the company realized global sales of EUR 8.7 billion (USD 12.1 billion) with nearly 13,000 employees.

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