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**Brenntag acquires US distributor of water treatment chemicals**

Brenntag, the global market leader in chemical distribution, has acquired ALTIVIA Corporation (“Altivia”), a water treatment chemical distributor headquartered in Houston, Texas. Altivia has facilities in Houston, Texas, St. Gabriel, Louisiana and Marlow, Oklahoma. ALTIVIA Chemicals LLC’s aluminum polymers manufacturing business and the ferric and ferrous sulfate production facilities in Pasadena, Texas are not part of this transaction which was closed on December 31, 2012.

William Fidler, Member of the Management Board of Brenntag AG: “Altivia has a leading market position in one of the largest industrial distribution markets in the United States. The acquisition will considerably strengthen our regional organization in the Southwest as well as our water additives business, which is one of our focus industries globally. Its strategically located facility in Houston with river barge and rail capabilities will allow for efficiency gains and further expansion of our business.”

J. Michael Jusbasche, Chief Executive Officer and founder of Altivia: “This transaction allows ALTIVIA Corporation’s employees and core businesses the opportunity to join with a global leader and significantly expand their market reach. Our chemical manufacturing company ALTIVIA Chemicals, LLC will seek new chemical manufacturing investments and operate the iron and aluminum polymer coagulants business.”

Altivia formulates, blends, repackages and distributes water treatment chemicals. In addition, Altivia serves a wide variety of customer industries with products such as bleach, aluminum sulfate, specialty polymers, caustic soda, chlorine and sulfuric acid. For the financial year 2012 the company is expected to generate sales of USD 83 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 more than 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 70 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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