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Brenntag and AkzoNobel partner in Ecosel®BioCare

Brenntag, the global market leader in chemical distribution, and AkzoNobel Industrial Chemicals have entered into a cooperation to commercialize AkzoNobel's anti-caking agent Ecosel®BioCare in the salt de-icing markets. The agreement includes the marketing, sales and delivery of Ecosel®BioCare and its related services to customers in the de-icing segment in Europe, North-Africa and North-America. Under the agreement Brenntag will act as an agent.

"We believe Brenntag's extensive network of facilities will provide the necessary Just In Time delivery capabilities required by customers involved in the de-icing markets. We are pleased to enter into this collaboration with AkzoNobel in bringing this 'Green' product to market", said Karsten Beckmann, Chief Operating Officer Brenntag Europe.

"Brenntag already manufactures the Ecosel®BioCare anti caking agent for AkzoNobel. This agreement is the next step in spreading our innovative and benign salt technologies in the de-icing markets', said Olivier Hayard, Global Director Marketing & Sales of AkzoNobel's salt business. He added: 'We like to share our latest technological developments with our markets and find in Brenntag the strategic partner to accelerate this ambition. Society at large will benefit from this innovation: In highway de-icing Ecosel®BioCare is the biodegradable, cyanide-free alternative for existing anti caking agents."

AkzoNobel's Ecosel®BioCare has been developed as an anti-caking agent for both chemical transformation salt and road de-icing salt. During the last three winters, customers' experiences with Ecosel®BioCare were part of the research and development process. The testing phase also included practical experience with transport, unloading and storage.

Ecosel® is the brand family name for AkzoNobel's sustainable innovations and technologies, soon available to the global salt business and the related chemicals industry: A wide range of high value additives and technologies under the Ecosel® flag. Annually, AkzoNobel Industrial Chemicals

manufactures 6 mln tons of vacuum salt in plants in the Netherlands and Denmark.

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.

About AkzoNobel:

AkzoNobel is the largest global paint and coatings company and a major producer of specialty chemicals. We supply industries and consumers worldwide with innovative products and are passionate about developing sustainable answers for our customers. Our portfolio includes well known brands such as Dulux, Sikkens, International and Eka. Headquartered in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, we are a Global Fortune 500 company and are consistently ranked as one of the leaders in the area of sustainability. With operations in more than 80 countries, our 55,000 people around the world are committed to excellence and delivering Tomorrow's Answers Today™.

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