

Press Release

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Brenntag acquires specialty chemicals distributor Alphamin

Brenntag (WKN A1DAH), the global market leader in chemical distribution, announces today it has completed the acquisition of all shares of specialty chemicals distributor Alphamin S.A., headquartered in Wavre, Belgium, and its subsidiary Alphamin Inc., based in New Jersey, USA. The company is focused on Specialty Polymers and Waxes, and serves customers in a wide range of industries and across all continents.

Karsten Beckmann, Member of the Board of Management of Brenntag Group and CEO Brenntag Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA): "With its global reach, its product portfolio and expertise, Alphamin is an attractive bolt-on acquisition for Brenntag's existing specialty chemicals business, strengthening and expanding our existing offer to customers in the Material Science segment."

Its owned and operated application center in Belgium is fully equipped with state of the art instrumentation and enables Alphamin to provide up-to-date research, development and quality control services to its commercial partners.

Anthony Gerace, Brenntag Group's Managing Director Mergers & Acquisitions: "Alphamin is a perfect opportunity to improve Brenntag's technical resources, expand our presence in attractive niche markets, increase our business opportunities in promising Material Science segments, and support our global or pan-regional strategy for certain product groups such as Waxes."

Floris Vansina from KeBeK Private Equity, a Belgian lower midmarket buy-out fund: "We acquired a majority stake in Alphamin S.A. in January 2014 and have successfully implemented, together with Alphamin's management team, a product portfolio optimization since then. We are excited to see the successful closing of the acquisition."

The business generated total sales of approximately 44.6 million EUR in the financial year 2017/18, ended on June 30, 2018.

About Brenntag:

Brenntag, the global market leader in chemical distribution, covers all major markets with its extensive product and service portfolio. Headquartered in Essen, Germany, the company operates a global network with more than 530 locations in 74 countries and a workforce of more than 16,000 employees. In 2017, the company generated sales of EUR 11.7 billion (USD 13.3 billion) worldwide. Brenntag connects chemical manufacturers and chemical users. The company supports its customers and suppliers with tailor-made distribution solutions for industrial and specialty chemicals. With over 10,000 products and a world-class supplier base, Brenntag offers one-stop-shop solutions to around 185,000 customers. This includes specific application technology, an extensive technical support and value-added services such as just-in-time delivery, product mixing, formulation, repackaging, inventory management and drum return handling. Long-standing experience and local excellence in the individual countries characterize the global market leader for chemical distribution.

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