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Brenntag expands its value-added service offering by acquiring ACU PHARMA und CHEMIE group

Brenntag, the global market leader in chemical distribution, is entering the micronization and fine milling segment in Germany and Europe. To this end, the company this week acquired ACU PHARMA und CHEMIE group (ACU), Germany.

According to Karsten Beckmann, Member of the Board of Management of Brenntag Group and CEO Brenntag Europe, Middle East and Africa, “The core competence of ACU in the area of ultra-fine milling of solids allows us to continue expanding our portfolio of value-added services, particularly for customers in the Life Science segment. The acquisition brings us powerful expertise as well as plant technology for a variety of services. We can now offer our customers an additional advantage by positioning Brenntag as a reliable, efficient partner in this part of the supply chain as well.”

ACU specializes in the milling and micronization of products and compound mixtures. In its modern facility, the company produces high quality powders for customers in many different industries. Besides this custom-made contract manufacturing, ACU sells its own micronized products, especially lithium carbonate.

“This acquisition is attractive for several reasons. Brenntag can profit from the outsourcing trend among chemical producers in areas such as micronization which are not core business activities. In addition, we are breaking into the attractive lithium-carbonate distribution business in Germany, Austria and Switzerland,” says Anthony Gerace, Managing Director Mergers & Acquisitions at Brenntag Group.

The acquired business generated sales of approximately 4.5 million EUR in the financial year 2015.
About Brenntag:
Brenntag, the global market leader in chemical distribution, covers all major markets with its extensive product and service portfolio. Headquartered in Mülheim an der Ruhr, Germany, the company operates a global network with more than 490 locations in 72 countries. In 2014, the company, which has a global workforce of more than 13,500 employees, generated sales of EUR 10.0 billion (USD 13.3 billion). 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 170,000 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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