

## Press release

### Evonik and Brenntag agree to cooperate on hydrogen peroxide and peracetic acid for pharma and cosmetics markets

- Evonik will start marketing specialized hydrogen peroxide (PERSYNT®) and peracetic acid (PERACLEAN®) products in cooperation with Brenntag
- The GMP-certified products will be available on the market from mid-year onwards
- Brenntag, the global market leader in chemical distribution, will become a distribution partner in many European countries
- GMP certification of Evonik's Weißenstein (Austria) site May 2015

Evonik Industries is introducing new hydrogen peroxide and peracetic acid grades for drug, medical products, and cosmetics manufacturers. Evonik is responding to increasingly more stringent regulatory requirements in these close-to-consumer industry segments. In Europe, customers will receive tailored solutions, enabling them to provide end consumers with safe and fully certified products.

In addition to their existing product portfolio for the cosmetics industry, Evonik is expanding its spectrum for the pharma industry by offering active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) produced on the basis of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP). As the central point of production, Weißenstein in Austria is currently being certified according to GMP guidelines. This will make Evonik the first hydrogen peroxide manufacturer in Europe with a fully back integrated production. To date, the site is certified according to ISO 9001, 14001, and 13485.

Brenntag Europe, Middle East and Africa is Evonik's partner in many European countries for the marketing of hydrogen peroxide and peracetic acid product portfolios in the Personal & Health Care market segment. Product marketing will be launched in the middle of the year, spanning a total of 25 countries in Europe. Brenntag holds a strong market position with many years of experience and great customer proximity. Customers value the company's individualized and qualified services and benefit from their comprehensive product portfolio which is available all over Europe.

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“In Evonik and Brenntag, two companies leading in their market segments come together for the marketing of the new hydrogen peroxide and peracetic acid products”, says Michael Träxler, head of the Active Oxygens Business Line in the Resource Efficiency Segment of Evonik Industries. “With this partnership, we offer our customers access to our specialized product portfolio and can guarantee high reliability and security of supply. All customers from Health Care and Personal Care can continue to rely on us in providing the best suitable products for their applications anywhere in Europe.”

Jan Joop Alberts, Marketing Director Specialties at Brenntag Europe, Middle East and Africa, explains: “Brenntag and Evonik are ideal partners because together we can guarantee a continuous and reliable production and supply chain for hydrogen peroxide products throughout Europe. Evonik is right in placing its trust in the excellent market expertise, long-term experience, and great customer proximity that Brenntag has established in the European specialty chemicals business.”

Products based on hydrogen peroxide and peracetic acid are used as drug and medical products but also as environment friendly disinfectant and bleaching agents in the Personal & Health Care business. Evonik Industries is the world’s second largest hydrogen peroxide manufacturer with production capacities at twelve sites on six continents.

#### **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, 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.

### **Company information**

Evonik, the creative industrial group from Germany, is one of the world leaders in specialty chemicals. Profitable growth and a sustained increase in the value of the company form the heart of Evonik's corporate strategy. Its activities focus on the key megatrends health, nutrition, resource efficiency and globalization. Evonik benefits specifically from its innovative prowess and integrated technology platforms.

Evonik is active in over 100 countries around the world. In fiscal 2014 more than 33,000 employees generated sales of around €12.9 billion and an operating profit (adjusted EBITDA) of about €1.9 billion.

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