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### **Brenntag starts pan-European collaboration with Bluestar Silicones International**

Brenntag, the global market leader in chemical distribution, takes over the pan-European distribution of Bluestar Silicones starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Bluestar Silicones is one of the world's leading fully integrated silicone manufacturers offering a comprehensive range of silicones products. The cooperation includes the sales and marketing of Core Fluids, Specialty Fluids for various industries such as the Cosmetics industry.

"For Brenntag Europe this cooperation is a huge step towards offering our customers pan-European solutions benefiting from our European network and technical expertise. With its experience of more than 60 years in the field of producing silicones Bluestar Silicones is the ideal partner for us as we will be able to offer our customers a large range of innovative products", says Karsten Beckmann, CEO Brenntag Europe, Middle East and Africa.

Pascal Chalvon-Demersay, CEO Bluestar Silicones adds: "By partnering with Brenntag, the global market leader in chemical distribution, we have the unique opportunity to reach new customers who trust in the quality of service of Brenntag with our high performance products and extra capacity. Distribution channels will play a greater role in providing the services and the flexibility that our customers are ever increasingly expecting."

Silicones are inert, synthetic compounds with a variety of forms and uses and have a number of unique characteristics. In Cosmetics silicones for example are used as an ingredient in Hair Care, Skin Care and Color Cosmetics for improving the feel and appearance of skin and hair. In Coatings and Construction their properties improve performance in water permeability and heat resistance.

#### **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 480 locations in more than 70 countries. In 2013, the company, which has a global workforce of more than 13,000, generated sales of EUR 9.8 billion (USD 13.0 billion). Brenntag is the link between 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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