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Brenntag UK & Ireland Announces New Distribution Agreement with Chr. Hansen

Brenntag, the global market leader in chemical distribution, is pleased to announce that from March 31st, 2014 the company will distribute the Natural Colours and Colouring Foodstuffs portfolio of Chr. Hansen in the UK and Ireland.

Alison Day, Chr. Hansen's Business Manager – UK & Ireland, "Brenntag and Chr. Hansen are long standing partners in the food industry with Brenntag distributing Chr. Hansen products in Europe and Asia for many years and we are delighted to be able to build upon and expand that success in the UK & Ireland. We will continue to service most of our existing customers direct where it will be "business as usual" with Brenntag UK & Ireland servicing those areas of the market where they have a stronger presence."

Chr. Hansen is the market leader in Natural Colours, offering a complete range of natural colour solutions for the food, pharmaceutical and pet-care industries. Along with Brenntag's position as a leading distributor in food ingredients offering optimal logistics and services as well as technical support from a dedicated food team, this strategic partnership is a natural fit for both organisations.

Greg Barton, Head of Life Sciences – Brenntag UK & Ireland, "This exciting new partnership with Chr. Hansen is a further step in our Food sector strategy in which we continually strive to offer our customers a broad range of value added services as well as an extensive portfolio of food ingredients and dedicated technical sales resource through our team of Business Development Managers".

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.

About Chr. Hansen:

Chr. Hansen is a global bioscience company that develops natural ingredient solutions for the food, nutritional, pharmaceutical and agricultural industries. The products include cultures, enzymes, probiotics and natural colors, and all solutions are based on strong research and development competencies coupled with significant technology investments. Revenue in the 2012/13 financial year was EUR 738 million. The company holds a leading market position in all its divisions: Cultures & Enzymes, Health & Nutrition and Natural Colors. It has more than 2,500 dedicated employees in over 30 countries and main production facilities in Denmark, France, USA and Germany. Chr. Hansen was founded in 1874 and is listed on NASDAQ OMX Copenhagen.

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