

Press Release

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Brenntag and PQ Corporation announce new exclusive distribution agreement for the sale of sodium and potassium silicate solutions in France

Brenntag France, part of the Brenntag Group, the global market leader in chemical distribution, and PQ Corporation, a leading global provider of catalysts, specialty materials and chemicals, and services, announce that Brenntag is distributing PQ's sodium and potassium silicate solutions in France. This exclusive distribution agreement is effective since July 1, 2018.

Eyal Attia, Head of Product Management Brenntag France, comments, "The PQ Corporation silicate product portfolio is an important addition to Brenntag's product offering across all sectors. We value the core competency of PQ and the extensive technical knowledge and insight that they can offer customers to address real life situations. Brenntag is very motivated to serve and understand evolving demands from our respective customers."

Peter Waalkens, EMEA Commercial Vice President PQ Corporation, stated, "PQ has a very strong production base and connection to France. We are delighted about this new relationship with Brenntag France. The collaboration between our companies allows synergies that can only benefit our customers. PQ has a wide product range and the technical and production expertise you would expect from a global player. Combining this with the extensive sales network and logistics expertise of Brenntag throughout France provides a new level of service to our customers."

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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). 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.

About PQ Corporation:

PQ is a leading global provider of catalysts, specialty materials & chemicals, and services that enable environmental improvements, enhance consumer products, and increase personal safety. PQ is headquartered in Malvern, Pennsylvania, USA, and has 72 manufacturing sites on 6 continents with approximately 3,000 employees. PQ's Performance Materials and Chemicals business services customers in North America, Europe, South America, and Asia in diverse and growing applications such as personal care, consumer products, construction, coatings and food & beverage. PQ's Environmental Catalysts and Services Group is a leading global innovator and producer of catalysts for the refinery, emissions control, petrochemical, polyolefin and acrylics industries. PQ Corporation is a wholly-owned subsidiary of PQ Group Holdings Inc. (NYSE: PQG).

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