

## Press Release

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### **Brenntag and Corbion strengthen their partnership in EMEA**

Brenntag, the global market leader in chemical and ingredients distribution, and Corbion, global market leader in sustainable ingredient solutions, strengthen their long-time partnership in EMEA by signing an enhanced framework agreement with an innovative way of working together. For many years, Brenntag has already been successfully distributing Corbion's products in various industries and several countries in the EMEA region. This new agreement is the next step in the cooperation.

Both companies are convinced that in today's markets in which product development and service level expectations are at a high level, an effective cooperation is crucial for success. "Our business teams will work together in a way which goes beyond traditional distribution, with the aim to service manufacturers to the optimum. Brenntag fully supports Corbion's strategy to develop sustainable solutions for today's and future industry needs. We are very happy to take our relationship with Corbion to the next level with this new agreement", states Uwe Schuelcke, COO Brenntag EMEA.

Brenntag covers a wide ingredients portfolio and targets a wide variety of industry segments in EMEA, providing technical as well as marketing support for the end-users and offering innovative and smart approaches for its customers. Therefore, the partnership with Corbion is ideal, as Corbion's capabilities are highly versatile and they offer solutions for diverse applications. Formulation using the renowned PURAC® and VERDAD® product lines for the food industry offer solutions for taste, acidification, food safety and salt reduction. Corbion's highlight for the cleaning industry is PURAC® Sanilac line that delivers broad efficacy thanks to its dual antibacterial and antiviral action. It is a non-toxic alternative to traditional biocides and therefore a safe drop-in BIT and MIT replacement as well as powerful ingredient for cleaning and disinfecting solutions.

For the Personal Care industry, Corbion offers lactic acid and lactates that are some of the most natural, safe and cost-effective ingredients that formulators can

use. These are widely known for their moisturizing, anti-aging, sebum control, pH adjustment and antimicrobial functions.

“The industry is fast moving, and so are Brenntag and Corbion – we are trusted partners for our customers and with our fermentation capabilities we can create relevant sustainable solutions enabling our customers to have great tasting and safe products in the market”, states Marco Bootz, Regional VP EMEA at Corbion.

**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 580 locations in 76 countries and a workforce of more than 16,600 employees. In 2018, the company generated sales of EUR 12.6 billion (USD 14.8 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 more than 10,000 products and a world-class supplier base, Brenntag offers one-stop-shop solutions to around 195,000 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 Corbion:**

Corbion is the global market leader in lactic acid, lactic acid derivatives, and a leading company in emulsifiers, functional enzyme blends, minerals, vitamins and algae ingredients. We develop sustainable ingredient solutions to improve the quality of life for people today and for future generations. For over 100 years, we have been uncompromising in our commitment to safety, quality, innovation and performance. Drawing on our deep application and product knowledge, we work side-by-side with customers to make our cutting edge technologies work for them. Our solutions help differentiate products in markets such as food, home & personal care, animal nutrition, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and

bioplastics. In 2018, Corbion generated annual sales of € 897.2 million and had a workforce of 2,040 FTE. Corbion is listed on Euronext Amsterdam.

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