

Conversion of Brenntag AG into SE Press Release

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New legal form: Brenntag AG has converted into an SE (European company)

Brenntag (ISIN DE000A1DAHH0), the global market leader in chemical and ingredients distribution, has completed the process of changing from a German *Aktiengesellschaft* (stock corporation) to a European company (*Societas Europaea*, SE), and is now doing business as Brenntag SE. The conversion, which was announced by the management and supervisory boards in the autumn of 2019 and approved by shareholders at the ordinary general meeting on 10 June 2020, will come into force when entered into the commercial register; this entry took place on February 1, 2021.

Brenntag SE will keep its headquarters in Essen and continue under the dual management of the management and supervisory boards as before. The conversion will not affect the responsibilities or composition of either board. The SE is an internationally recognised legal form that is viewed positively on the capital market.

Christian Kohlpaintner, chairman of Brenntag SE's management board, believes that the change of form underlines Brenntag's global orientation and identity as an international concern: "Almost 17,500 people from more than 100 countries work for Brenntag, around 90 per cent of them outside Germany. The SE is a supranational, up-to-date legal form that suits today's corporate culture; it will strengthen our position and help drive Brenntag's development."

About Brenntag:

Brenntag is the global market leader in chemical and ingredients distribution. We connect our suppliers and customers in value-adding partnerships. Our almost 17,500 employees provide tailor-made application, marketing and supply chain solutions. Technical and formulation support, market, industry and regulatory expertise as well as advanced digital tools are just some examples of

our services that are aiming to create an excellent customer experience. Our full-line portfolio comprises specialty and industrial chemicals and ingredients of a world-class supplier base. Building on its long-standing experience, unmatched global reach and local excellence, Brenntag works closely alongside its partners to make their business more successful. We are committed to contribute towards greater sustainability in our own business and the industries we serve, and to achieve sustainable profitable growth. Headquartered in Essen (Germany) and with regional headquarters in Philadelphia, Houston and Singapore, Brenntag operates a unique global network with more than 640 locations in 77 countries. The company generated sales of EUR 12.8 billion (USD 14.4 billion) in 2019. Brenntag shares are traded at the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (BMR).

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