

## Press Release

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### **Brenntag expands distribution agreement with Kao Chemicals Europe to all Nordic countries**

Brenntag, the global market leader in chemicals and ingredients distribution, today announced the expansion of an existing distribution agreement with Kao Chemicals Europe to now cover all countries in the Nordics.

Brenntag and Kao have a long-standing successful partnership in Sweden and Norway, and will now serve Personal Care (PC) and Household, Industrial & Institutional Cleaning (HI&I) customers in the entire region with a portfolio of surfactant solutions.

Michael Wilkop, President PC and HI&I EMEA at Brenntag Specialties, commented: “We are proud to expand our collaboration with Kao. This expansion enhances our product and solutions offering to customers in the Nordics and underlines our ambition to further strengthen the specialties business of our focus industries. The sustainable and innovative solutions of Kao combined with the solution capabilities of our Innovation & Application centers, will bring many benefits to our customers in the region.”

Sustainability, social responsibility, and well-being drive Kao Chemicals Europe’s portfolio of products, offering a wide range of cosmetic ingredients for hair and skin care. The portfolio consists of mild surfactants, conditioning agents, rheology modifiers, foam boosters, pearling agents, emulsifiers, emollients, and many other ingredients that help formulators to develop new solutions and design new formulations according to market trends.

“Building on our relationship with Brenntag we are excited to expand our reach across the Nordics through their network and customer base, bringing our innovative products to new and existing customers and helping them face the challenges in the HI&I and Personal Care markets,” commented Marc Bernat, Head of Surfactants for Consumer Application at Kao Chemicals Europe.

**About Brenntag:**

Brenntag is the global market leader in chemicals and ingredients distribution. The company holds a central role in connecting customers and suppliers of the chemical industry. Headquartered in Essen, Germany, Brenntag has more than 17,500 employees worldwide and operates a network of about 600 sites in 72 countries. In 2022, Brenntag generated sales of around 19.4 billion EUR. The two global divisions, Brenntag Essentials and Brenntag Specialties, provide a full-line portfolio of industrial and specialty chemicals and ingredients as well as tailor-made application, marketing and supply chain solutions, technical and formulation support, comprehensive regulatory know-how, and digital solutions for a wide range of industries. In the field of sustainability, Brenntag pursues specific goals and is committed to sustainable solutions in its own sector and the industries served. Brenntag shares have been listed at the Frankfurt Stock Exchange since 2010, in the DAX since September 2021. In addition, the Brenntag SE shares are listed in the DAX 50 ESG and DAX ESG Target. For more information, visit [www.brenntag.com](http://www.brenntag.com).

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