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Brenntag Specialties formalizes distribution agreement with Stephenson for Durosoft® product line in North America

- **Strategic collaboration supports Brenntag Specialties' efforts to expand its Beauty & Personal Care product portfolio in the U.S. and Canada**
- **North America agreement expands on current cooperative relationship with Stephenson in Europe**

Brenntag, the global market leader in chemicals and ingredients distribution, today announced a distribution agreement for the U.S. and Canada with Stephenson, a UK-based leader in the manufacture and supply of a wide range of soap bases and ingredients for the personal care market. The North America distribution agreement expands on the existing cooperative relationship with Stephenson in the UK, Italy, France, Poland and the DACH region, including Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

Brenntag Specialties will extend its product offering to customers with a portfolio of quality ingredients and multifunctional emulsifiers for beauty and personal care products. Stephenson's Durosoft® product range of emulsifiers are naturally derived esters, an alternative to synthetic ingredients, which deliver sustainable, multifunctional performance-driven ingredients for effective skincare and haircare.

Maia Navarrete, Senior Director Personal Care Americas at Brenntag Specialties, commented: "Brenntag is pleased to begin representing Stephenson's Durosoft® line of naturally derived emulsifiers, solubilizers and emollients, which is a nice enhancement to our Beauty and Personal Care portfolio in North America. Stephenson's products will provide Brenntag customers an extended portfolio of quality ingredients and multifunctional emulsifiers for beauty and personal care products. This collaboration also strongly aligns with our commitment to delivering innovative and sustainable ingredients to the market and our efforts to expand our Specialties product portfolio in the Life Sciences markets."

Robert Carr, Managing Director at Stephenson, added: "In line with our aim of staying one step ahead of the market, we are constantly growing our portfolio of personal care ingredients. With Durosoft®, we can answer the unique requirements of new product developers and formulation labs around sustainable emulsifiers and solubilisers, offering specific value for natural and sustainable raw material claims. We are also excited to work with Brenntag. This partnership strengthens our ability to bring innovative, high-

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performance solutions to a wider global audience, enabling us to deliver sustainable and impactful results to even more customers."

About Stephenson:

Stephenson provides market-leading soap, syndet, and natural ingredients for businesses around the world. Their Durosoft® range includes natural emulsifiers, emollients, solubilisers and surfactants, which offer multi-function alternatives to synthetic ingredients. These esters deliver sustainable, performance-driven ingredients for impactful skincare and haircare.

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 17,700 employees worldwide and operates a network of about 600 sites in 72 countries. In 2023, Brenntag generated sales of 16.8 billion EUR. The two global divisions, Brenntag Essentials and Brenntag Specialties, provide a diversified and broad 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. Brenntag pursues an ambitious sustainability agenda 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.

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