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### **Brenntag comments on silicone oils deliveries**

Further to recent disclosures and comments regarding the products used in breast implants by French company Poly Implant Prothèse (PIP) and Brenntag's position as former supplier for PIP, Brenntag provides further information as follows:

The silicone oils delivered by Brenntag are standard products for many different applications and are intended to be used in industrial applications including the Personal Care industry. The products are not for use in breast implants.

In line with our process standards Brenntag customers are provided with safety data sheets and specifications on all necessary information. We confirmed in our order acknowledgements the exclusive industrial use of the products (including Personal Care). Furthermore Brenntag advises customers to verify if the delivered products are suitable and appropriate to the customer's product requirements.

Brenntag fully answered inquiries from the French authorities (Afssaps) in April 2010. Since then there were no further inquiries. Should we be required, Brenntag is committed to provide all necessary information to the authorities.

Brenntag is clearly aware and deeply concerned about the recent developments and continues to provide any possible support in this matter.

#### **About Brenntag:**

Brenntag is the global market leader in full-line chemical distribution. Linking chemical manufacturers and chemical users, Brenntag provides business-to-business distribution solutions for industrial and specialty chemicals globally. With over 10,000 products and a world-class supplier base, Brenntag offers one-stop-shop solutions to about 160,000 customers. The value-added services include just-in-time delivery, product mixing, formulation, repackaging,

inventory management, drum return handling as well as extensive technical support. Headquartered in Mülheim an der Ruhr, Germany, the company operates a global network with more than 400 locations in nearly 70 countries. In 2010 the company realized global sales of EUR 7.6 billion (USD 10.1 billion) with more than 12,000 employees.

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