



Investor Relations News

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Important step towards acquisition of National Starch businesses

Henkel signs back-to-back agreement with Akzo Nobel

Following approval of the Shareholders' Committee of Henkel KGaA, Henkel and Akzo Nobel N.V., Arnhem, The Netherlands, have signed an agreement on a back-to-back transaction on August 13, 2007. Under the terms of this agreement, Henkel will acquire the adhesives and electronic materials businesses of National Starch and Chemical Company, Bridgewater, N.J., USA. National Starch is a subsidiary company of ICI plc, London, UK. The back-to-back transaction is conditional on the takeover of ICI by Akzo Nobel. If this takeover will be accomplished, is still uncertain.

The transaction value of these businesses is 2.7 billion GBP (close to 4 billion euros). The National Starch businesses to be acquired realized sales of about 1.26 billion GBP (about 1.85 billion euros) in 2006.

For more than 130 years, Henkel has been a leader with brands and technologies that make people's lives easier, better and more beautiful. Henkel operates in three business areas – Home Care, Personal Care, and Adhesives Technologies – and ranks among the Fortune Global 500 companies. In fiscal 2006, Henkel generated sales of 12.740 billion euros and operating profit of 1,298 million euros. Our 52,000 employees worldwide are dedicated to fulfilling our corporate claim, "A Brand like a Friend," and ensuring that people in more than 125 countries can trust in brands and technologies from Henkel.



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Under the provisions of Rule 8.3 of the Takeover Code (the "Code"), if any person is, or becomes, "interested" (directly or indirectly) in one per cent or more of any class of "relevant securities" of ICI, all "dealings" in any "relevant securities" of that company (including by means of an option in respect of, or a derivative referenced to, any such "relevant securities") must be publicly disclosed by no later than 3.30 p.m. (London time) on the London business day following the date of the relevant transaction. This requirement will continue until the date on which the offer becomes, or is declared, unconditional as to acceptances, lapses or is otherwise withdrawn or on which the "offer period" otherwise ends. If two or more persons act together pursuant to an agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal, to acquire an "interest" in "relevant securities" of ICI, they will be deemed to be a single person for the purposes of Rule 8.3 of the Code.

Under the provisions of Rule 8.1 of the Code, all "dealings" in "relevant securities" of ICI by Akzo Nobel or ICI, or by any of their respective "associates", must be disclosed by no later than 12.00 noon (London time) on the London business day following the date of the relevant transaction.

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