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Dear all, Please find attached Brenntag's press release regarding the publication of its Sustainability Report for Financial Year 2018. In this Group report, the company presents its performance on the field of sustainability and documents its global activities and achievements in the areas of safety, environmental protection, supply chain responsibility, employees and social involvement. For further information please see the press release. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have further questions. Best regards, Hubertus Spethmann

Essen, April 30, 2019

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The responsible use of natural resources is one area that the current report focuses on. Steven Holland, Chief Executive Officer of Brenntag AG, comments: "Circular economy, waste avoidance and the efficient use of natural resources are becoming more and more important in our industry. Brenntag has already accumulated a lot of experience and expertise in this area. At the same time, we are engaging closely and working with our business partners to develop more efficient processes for our industry and to launch sustainable products and solutions on the market." The report provides an insight into Brenntag's activities in and commitment to the areas of energy saving, packaging circularity and environmentally friendly products.

Occupational safety is also a top priority at Brenntag and is a key area of focus in this report. Brenntag continuously invests in its relevant infrastructure and equipment, as well as in further developing the safety culture within the company. The improvement in the LTIR Group accident rate (2018: 1.5; 2017: 1.7) is therefore one of the success stories in the year under review.

The Brenntag Group's fundamental approaches, organizational structures and processes for managing sustainability issues are presented in the sustainability report. Numerous examples from the operating units provide an insight into practical operations and show how sustainability is implemented in Brenntag's regions worldwide.

"With this - our sixth - sustainability report, we are continuing our commitment to transparent communication about our achievements and the status of our 2020 global sustainability targets," Dr Dirk Eckert, Group Sustainability Manager at Brenntag, says. "To supplement this, we submit to external evaluation in the form of our successful participation in the EcoVadis Sustainability Assessment and the CDP climate rating."

Brenntag's Sustainability Report for the Financial Year 2018 is based on the reporting standards of the internationally recognized

Global Reporting Initiative (GRI). Selected content also forms the separate non-financial Group report to ensure compliance with the legal requirements of the German CSR Directive Implementation Act (CSR-RUG). This content has been externally audited.

The sustainability report is available in German and English as a PDF on the Brenntag website:

[www.brenntag.com/sustainabilityreport2018](http://www.brenntag.com/sustainabilityreport2018)

Further information on sustainability at Brenntag is available at:

[www.brenntag.com/sustainability](http://www.brenntag.com/sustainability)

#### **About Brenntag:**

Brenntag, the global market leader in chemical distribution, covers all major markets with its extensive product and service portfolio. Headquartered in Essen, Germany, the company operates a global network with more than 580 locations in 73 countries and a workforce of more than 16,600 employees. In 2018, the company generated sales of EUR 12.6 billion (USD 14.8 billion). Brenntag connects chemical manufacturers and chemical users. The company supports its customers and suppliers with tailor-made distribution solutions for industrial and specialty chemicals. With more than 10,000 products and a world-class supplier base, Brenntag offers one-stop-shop solutions to around 195,000 customers. This includes specific application technology, an extensive technical support and value-added services such as just-in-time delivery, product mixing, formulation, repackaging, inventory management and drum return handling. Long-standing experience and local excellence in the individual countries characterize the global market leader for chemical distribution.

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