

## PRESS RELEASE

### Safic-Alcan extends partnership with AkzoNobel

Paris-La Défense, June 8, 2016 – Safic Alcan UK, a major distributor of specialty chemicals and subsidiary of the Safic-Alcan Group, announces that it will become the sole distributor for AkzoNobel's range of polymers, biopolymers and surfactants for the personal care industry in the UK and Ireland, effective June 15, 2016.

The new agreement allows Safic-Alcan UK to distribute a full range of innovative products from AkzoNobel, a leading global specialty chemicals producer, and a major manufacturer of ingredients that deliver the essential functionalities formulators need to create the finest skin and hair care products. AkzoNobel supplies a wide array of functional ingredients such as rheology modifiers, film formers, actives, aesthetic modifiers, emulsifiers, cleansing and conditioning agents, and the product portfolio includes well-known brands such as AMPHOMER®, RESYN™, DERMACRYL®, HYDROVANCE®, DRY-FLO®, STRUCTURE® and ELFACOS®.

This new partnership extends Safic-Alcan's footprint in the distribution market for personal care in the UK. With its network of state-of-the-art life science laboratories in France, Italy and Turkey and a new one opening shortly in the UK, Safic-Alcan is dedicated to provide high technical support to AkzoNobel's customers including formulation and testing.

The expertise of Safic-Alcan's dedicated sales engineers will allow the company's customers to anticipate market expectations thus having a real competitive advantage.

"We have been working with AkzoNobel for many years and we are proud that they have chosen us to be their unique distributor of functional ingredients for personal care and fully represent them in the UK and Ireland. It is of significant value to Safic-Alcan in serving our customers who are continuously looking for local distributors able to commit to the supply of innovative personal care products," said Philippe Combette, CEO of Safic-Alcan.

Safic-Alcan is committed to growing its Personal Care business across Europe and the United States. It is one of the key industries that the company is focusing on and it is expanding quickly and intensively.

#### **About Safic-Alcan**

*Safic-Alcan, a French multinational distributor of specialty chemicals headquartered in Paris-La Défense (France), develops and provides a large range of polymers, materials and additives for the rubber, coatings, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics industries.*

*The Group is present in all major countries of the European Union, as well as in Turkey, and China with on-going strategic development in Eastern European countries and the United States. In 2015, Safic-Alcan posted nearly 466 M€ of revenues.*

#### **About AkzoNobel**

*AkzoNobel is a leading global paints and coatings company and a major producer of specialty chemicals. Calling on centuries of expertise, we supply industries and consumers worldwide with innovative products and sustainable technologies designed to meet the growing demands of our fast-changing planet. Headquartered in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, we have approximately 46,000 people in around 80 countries, while our portfolio includes well-known brands such as Dulux, Sikkens, International, Interpon and Eka. Consistently ranked as one of the leaders in the area of sustainability, we are committed to making life more liveable and our cities more human.*

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