

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Safic-Alcan announces new distribution agreement with S.A. Ajinomoto OmniChem N.V.**

Paris-La Défense, February 12, 2018 – **Safic-Alcan has been appointed by Ajinomoto Co., Inc. to distribute their full range of amino acid based personal care ingredients. The agreement is effective immediately.**

Safic-Alcan will take over the exclusive distribution of S.A. Ajinomoto OmniChem N.V.'s full range of amino acid based personal care ingredients for Portugal, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, and Bulgaria.

The agreement includes such trademarks as Amisoft<sup>®</sup>, Amilite<sup>®</sup>, CAE<sup>®</sup>, Amisafe<sup>®</sup>, Ajidew<sup>®</sup>, ProdeW<sup>®</sup> and Eldew<sup>®</sup>, a range of natural and eco-friendly substitutes for conventional non-biodegradable ingredients. These products are in line with Safic-Alcan's strategy to be at the forefront for more sustainable and eco-conscious products while providing innovative solutions.

"We are happy to have been selected by S.A. Ajinomoto OmniChem N.V. and to represent a key player in the cosmetics industry. This new partnership will allow us to better serve our customers in the dedicated territories by distributing natural and brand new unique ingredients that are highly complementary to Safic-Alcan's portfolio and which enable us to develop innovative solutions driven by our customer's needs", stated Philippe Combette, CEO of Safic-Alcan.

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

*Safic-Alcan is a French independent distributor of specialty chemicals headquartered in Paris-La Défense (France). The Company develops and provides wide ranges 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 Europe, the USA and Mexico. In 2016, Safic-Alcan posted sales revenues of 508 M€.*

<http://www.safic-alcan.com/en/>

#### **About Ajinomoto Co. Inc.**

*The history of the Ajinomoto Group began when its founder Saburosuke Suzuki II started marketing umami, which was discovered by Professor Kikunae Ikeda, as an umami seasoning called AJI-NO-MOTO<sup>®</sup>. Since then, the Group has made efforts in amino acid-oriented R&D as glutamic acid, an amino acid, represents the essence of umami. Centred on the unique, leading-edge bioscience and fine chemical technologies cultivated through these efforts, the Group is involved in Food Products and **AminoScience businesses**.*

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