

## PRESS RELEASE

### Safic-Alcan UK acquires KemCare

**Paris-La Defense, May 17, 2016 – Safic-Alcan UK, a major distributor of specialty chemicals and subsidiary of the Safic-Alcan Group, announces that it has acquired 100% of KemCare, a leading chemical distributor specialising in the Personal Care, Home Care & Industrial sectors in the UK and Ireland.**

KemCare is a leading distributor of specialty chemicals and fashion products with a focus upon the UK and Ireland market. The company is the exclusive UK & Ireland distributor for IOI Oleo GmbH (formerly Cremer Care), Symrise AG, Sabo S.p.A., The Innovation Company and BASF Beauty Creations. “The acquisition of KemCare will enable us to diversify our range of personal care ingredients and to widen our portfolio offering in the UK”, stated Martial Lecat, CEO of Safinca, the Holding of the Safic-Alcan Group.

KemCare produces and distributes a wide range of actives, surfactants, emulsifiers, oleochemicals, natural oils, synthetic oils and synthetic oil derivatives, as well as a specialty personal care portfolio grouped under the KemCare family umbrella. The Company also has a trend advisory and formulation service, KemCreate™, that works closely with its Principal partners and the leading global trend forecasting companies in order to deliver tailor-made formulation concepts.

KemCare employs 9 people in the UK. A 25% sales growth is forecasted for 2016.

“We see strategic opportunities to move faster and further into the personal care business in the UK and Ireland through the acquisition of an exclusive distributor who brings its know-how, its markets and its exclusive partners. After the US in August 2015, we made another important step in the development of our Personal Care business in Northern Europe,” concluded Martial Lecat.

“Safic Alcan's vision and culture represents an excellent fit with the strategy that has enabled us to succeed with our customers and suppliers alike. We are excited about the future and delivering stronger value in the supply chain.” added Robert Sumner, Director of KemCare.

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### **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 Safic-Alcan UK**

Safic Alcan UK Limited is a distribution specialist with an extensive range of chemicals and additives for the rubber, plastics, adhesives and coatings industries. As part of the Safic Alcan Group, Safic Alcan UK Limited is also a key supplier to the personal care and pharmaceutical sectors. The company also has its own production facility located in the UK, which specialises in products for the rubber industry, notably cure blends and dry liquids.

### **About KemCare**

Founded in 2004, KemCare is a leading chemical distributor specialising in the Personal Care, Home Care & Industrial sectors in the UK and Ireland. KemCare's portfolio is made up of own-brand products and products distributed on behalf of global chemical manufacturers. The combination of its in-depth industry experience, its extensive product range and its laboratory facilities enables the Company to provide customers with the latest innovations and most relevant specialty technology. KemCare's new technology is coupled with the regulatory backup and documentation needed for effective implementation.

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