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**Ashland Specialty Ingredients (ASI) names Brenntag Specialties Inc. (BSI) exclusive channel partner for Cellulosic Ethers and Guar Gum into the Food & Nutrition market segments in the United States.**

Brenntag Specialties, Inc. (BSI) has been appointed by Ashland Specialty Ingredients (ASI) as their exclusive channel partner for the Food & Nutrition Specialties products in the US, effective December 1, 2015.

“We are very pleased to announce that our existing relationship with ASI into Food and Nutrition will now be exclusive.” said Steve Brauer, President of Brenntag Specialties, Inc. “Our partnership with Ashland in these chemistries began in 2010 and has quickly grown into one of our most successful product categories. Utilizing these ingredients from ASI in our Food Applications Kitchen in Bethlehem, PA has heightened our ability to ideate, create, and deliver differentiated value to our customers.”

Products within the portfolio include:

* Aqualon™, Aquacel™, and Aquasorb™ cellulose gum
* Benecel™ modified cellulose (methylcellulose and hydroxypropylmethylcellulose)
* AeroWhip™ and Klucel™ modified cellulose (hydroxypropylcellulose)
* Aqualon™ ethylcellulose
* Supercol™ guar gum

**About Brenntag:**

Brenntag, the global market leader in chemical distribution, covers all major markets with its extensive product and service portfolio. Headquartered in Mülheim an der Ruhr, Germany, the company operates a global network with more than 490 locations in 72 countries. In 2014, the company, which has a global workforce of more than 13,500, generated sales of EUR 10.0 billion (USD 13.3 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 over 10,000 products and a world-class supplier base, Brenntag offers one-stop-shop solutions to around 170,000 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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