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Caramba Chemical Group**Majority stake in the trading company Corra**

Künzelsau/Pöggstall, 11 August 2010: The Caramba Chemical Group, Künzelsau, Germany has taken a majority stake – subject to approval by the cartel authorities –in the trading company Corra, Pöggstall, Austria, backdated to 01 April 2010. The acquisition is a further step towards the implementation of our vision to become the leading system provider for chemical products and services in the field of cleaning, care and maintenance.

“Our customers, such as the major oil companies, are increasingly looking to obtain all the products they need from a single source. Up to now, Christian Maurer GmbH, Vienna, above all has been operating very successfully as such a full-service supplier. Through our participation in Corra we now have the opportunity to expand this business model in central and eastern Europe,” said Thomas Stewing, spokesman for the Caramba Chemical Group. For the further growth of the company, the focus will be particularly on expansion in the area of our customer target groups. Besides filling stations, the product ranges will increasingly be marketed to the specialist trade as well as to home improvement stores.

The Corra Großhandel Ges. m.b.H supplies its customers –oil companies and the specialist trade for automotive supplies – with 5,500 articles from the market segments: toys, soft toys & gift items, office supplies, hygiene articles, automotive accessories and smokers’ needs. The company, founded by Walter Schweiger in 1993, has made it its business to supply customers with everything in a quick and uncomplicated way from a single source. Based on this guiding



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principle, years of experience and its extensive service offering, Corra has established itself as preferred partner in the Austrian market. With 27 employees, six of whom work in field service, they achieved net sales in fiscal year 2009/10 of around eight million euros.

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Besides the Christian Maurer GmbH, Pressbaum (A), the companies Caramba Chemie GmbH & Co. KG, Duisburg (D), Tegee-Chemie Bremen GmbH, Bremen (D) and Wigo Chemie GmbH, Bad Kreuznach (D) operate under the umbrella of the Caramba Chemical Group. More than 350 employees at ten locations in Europe develop, produce and sell chemical products and services in the field of cleaning, care and maintenance from a single source. In fiscal year 2009/10 they achieved net sales of over 70 million euros.

The Caramba Chemical Group is part of the internationally operating Combined Berner Group in Künzelsau (D) with approx. 8,000 employees, which last year achieved net sales of 856 million euros. For more information see: www.caramba-group.com

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