

Univar Solutions Partners with INEOS to Combat the Hand Sanitizer Shortage in Europe

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, April 1, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- Europe, Univar B.V., a subsidiary of Univar Solutions Inc. (NYSE: UNVR) ("Univar Solutions" or "The Company"), a global chemical and ingredient distributor and provider of value-added services, announced today it has joined forces with INEOS for the "Hands On!" campaign to help combat shortages in commercial hand sanitizer products in Europe.

INEOS has a long history of working with Univar Solutions as a partner to distribute its solvents to customers across Europe, Middle East, and Africa (EMEA). Recently, Sir Jim Ratcliffe, founder and chairman of INEOS, pledged to build a hand sanitizer factory in the U.K. within 10 days, with the objective of producing and donating one million bottles a month to help fight the European shortage. His organization contacted Univar Solutions, a long-standing and trusted partner, to help with the project.

"Univar Solutions is a purpose driven and values based company," said Nick Powell, president of Europe, Middle East, Africa and Asia Pacific. "Our core values include always being serious about safety and a place where people matter, along with being valuable to others and doing what we say, so together we win. We are pleased to join the INEOS "Hands On!" campaign and do our duty as a responsible company."

The Univar Solutions team in the U.K. mobilized the full capabilities of its Middlesbrough, Homecare & Industrial Cleaning Solutions Center to provide technical and formulation advice. Meanwhile, its team located at the Cadishead production site provided packaging, bottling, warehousing and logistics support in a matter of days to ensure the commitment made to the U.K. National Health Service was properly met. Univar Solutions is expecting first deliveries to be made starting today.

"We were pleased to get the call from INEOS to join them and help with their pledge to quickly produce substantial supplies of hand sanitizer for the U.K. National Health Service," said Powell. "Our technical expertise, product range, and logistics network allowed us to help get this project off the ground and become a reality in just a matter of days. We are proud to have been able to play our part and make a contribution to the people of the U.K., and jointly there are plans to expand this project to Germany, enabling the supply of product across much of Western Europe."

"There is a critical shortage of hand sanitizers across Europe. Our goal is to quickly supply those on the medical and care front lines. We will also create a "pocket" version for personal use for people in the U.K. and Europe. Univar Solutions has been instrumental in helping us meet our pledge to the U.K. National Health Service by providing bottles, a manufacturing line, logistics support, and formulation advice. We are now looking to replicate this project in Germany, France and other European countries. Hospitals and clinics across Europe can place orders via www.ineoshandgel.com for hand sanitizer gels," said Ashley Reed, CEO, INEOS Enterprises.

About Univar Solutions

Univar Solutions (NYSE: UNVR) is a leading global specialty chemical and ingredient distributor representing a premier portfolio from the world's leading producers. With the industry's largest private transportation fleet and North American sales force, unparalleled logistics know-how, deep market and regulatory knowledge, world-class formulation and recipe development, and leading digital tools the company is well-positioned to offer tailored solutions and value-added services to a wide range of markets, industries, and applications. Univar Solutions is committed to helping customers and suppliers innovate and grow together. Learn more at www.univarsolutions.com.

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