

Univar Solutions Expands its Ingredients & Specialties Portfolio through New Distribution Agreement for Kalsec's Natural Taste & Sensory Solutions, Colours and Antioxidants

Kalsec provides solutions for the food and beverage industries to make products look better, taste better and last longer, naturally.®

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, Dec. 21, 2021 /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 expanded its Ingredients & Specialties (I&S) portfolio through a new exclusive distribution agreement with Kalsec® Inc.

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Kalsec's innovative products are naturally sourced from herbs, spices, vegetables and hops for use in the food and beverage industries in countries across Europe [1].

"Our food, beverage and nutraceutical customers from around the world count on us to help meet their evolving needs for more sustainable ingredients so Univar Solutions is thrilled to launch our relationship with Kalsec," said Kevin Hack, vice president of global food ingredients for Univar Solutions. "As a market leader in specialty ingredient distribution, we look forward to enhancing our strong customer connections in Europe by introducing Kalsec's complete line of naturally sourced extracts, colours and antioxidants. Adding these innovative, complementary ingredients to our portfolio, along with our best-in-class service, dedicated food and nutraceutical industry expertise, technical support and innovative application kitchens, we can help our customers bring their product vision to life."

Kalsec starts with naturally derived products from herbs, spices, vegetables and hops and uses analytical and sensory expertise to provide creative solutions for the food and beverage industries to make end products look better, taste better and last longer®. The products are translated into easy-to-use forms that are ideal for most formulations and provide industry recognized high levels of quality and consistency.

The addition of Kalsec's innovative products brings a suite of ingredients to Univar Solutions' industry-leading specialty portfolio for food and beverage manufacturers at the cutting edge of industry and culinary trends. In partnering with Kalsec Inc., Univar Solutions can build on its Environment, Social, and Governance (ESG) goals through responsible product sourcing and long-term supplier partnerships as part of the company's 2025 ESG goal that is focused on sustainable sourcing. As one of only 4000 plus businesses certified as a B Corporation, Kalsec meets the highest verified standards of sustainability, social responsibility, innovation and community engagement.

"Kalsec has been operating for over 26 years in Europe, and at our core throughout this time has been the drive to provide our customers with more sustainable solutions," said James Smith, vice president and managing director, Europe for Kalsec. "As we look to optimize our route-to-market in Europe, we are delighted to be working with a market-leading partner in Univar Solutions who shares our values in sustainable sourcing and with providing customers the service and products they need to create high quality foods and beverages."

About Kalsec Inc.

Kalsec provides innovative spice and herb extracts, colours, antioxidants and advanced hop products to the food and beverage industries. We capture the best nature has to offer and utilize the skills, experience and knowledge of our employees to make products look better, taste better and last longer. Kalsec has remained family owned and provides localized support to our global customers. Trusted since 1958, Kalsec is committed to providing value to the food and beverage industry for the next 100 years. Headquartered in Kalamazoo, Michigan, U.S., Kalsec has regional offices, laboratories and sales teams in North America, Europe and Asia. As a certified B Corp, Kalsec makes ethical and sustainable decisions that serve our customers, employees, communities and the environment. We are proud to be using our business as a force for good. For more information, visit www.kalsec.com.

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

technical sales force, unparalleled logistics know-how, deep market and regulatory knowledge, 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. While fulfilling its purpose to help keep communities healthy, fed, clean and safe, Univar Solutions is committed to helping customers and suppliers innovate and focus on Growing Together. Learn more at univarsolutions.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release includes certain statements relating to future events and our intentions, beliefs, expectations, and predictions for the future, which are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties, many of which may be beyond the Company's control. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the expectations and assumptions. A detailed discussion of these factors and uncertainties is contained in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Potential factors that could affect such forward-looking statements include, among others: the ultimate geographic spread of the COVID-19 pandemic; the duration and severity of the COVID-19 pandemic; actions that may be taken by governmental authorities to address or otherwise mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; the potential negative impacts of COVID-19 on the global economy and our customers and suppliers; the overall impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business, results of operations and financial condition; other fluctuations in general economic conditions, particularly in industrial production and the demands of our customers; significant changes in the business strategies of producers or in the operations of our customers; increased competitive pressures, including as a result of competitor consolidation; significant changes in the pricing, demand and availability of chemicals; our levels of indebtedness, the restrictions imposed by our debt instruments, and our ability to obtain additional financing when needed; the broad spectrum of laws and regulations that we are subject to, including extensive environmental, health and safety laws and regulations; an inability to integrate the business and systems of companies we acquire, including of Nexeo Solutions, Inc., or to realize the anticipated benefits of such acquisitions; potential business disruptions and security breaches, including cybersecurity incidents; an inability to generate sufficient working capital; increases in transportation and fuel costs and changes in our relationship with third party providers; accidents, safety failures, environmental damage, product quality and liability issues and recalls; major or systemic delivery failures involving our distribution network or the products we carry; operational risks for which we may not be adequately insured; ongoing litigation and other legal and regulatory risks; challenges associated with international operations; exposure to interest rate and currency fluctuations; potential impairment of goodwill; liabilities associated with acquisitions, ventures and strategic investments; negative developments affecting our pension plans and multi-employer pensions; labor disruptions associated with the unionized portion of our workforce; and the other factors described in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We caution you that the forward-looking information presented in this press release is not a guarantee of future events or results, and that actual events or results may differ materially from those made in or suggested by the forward-looking information contained in this press release. In addition, forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "may," "plan," "seek," "will," "expect," "intend," "estimate," "anticipate," "believe" or "continue" or the negative thereof or variations thereon or similar terminology. Any forward-looking information presented herein is made only as of the date of this press release, and the Company does not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking information to reflect changes in assumptions, the occurrence of unanticipated events, or otherwise, except as required by law.

[1] European countries include Poland, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark

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