



## Investor Relations News

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Henkel strengthens business in Latin America

# Henkel acquires consumer adhesives company in Brazil

Henkel has acquired Alba Adesivos, a consumer adhesives company based in Brazil, from Hexion Specialty Chemicals.

Düsseldorf, Germany/Columbus, Ohio, USA – Henkel has acquired the adhesives company Alba Adesivos from Hexion Specialty Chemicals. Alba Adesivos, based in Boituva/São Paulo, Brazil, is a leading Latin American producer of branded consumer and professional grade adhesives. In 2005 the company generated sales of about 38 million US dollars with approximately 140 employees. Its primary products include contact cements, polyvinyl acetate adhesives, silicone sealants, and epoxy putty adhesives for consumers and contractors.

“This acquisition is a perfect complement of our existing product portfolio in Latin America”, says Alois Linder, Executive Vice President Consumer and Craftsmen Adhesives of Henkel KGaA. “We have acquired a successful business with strong and well-known brands, which will strengthen our business with consumer and craftsmen adhesives in one of our growth regions.”



“Henkel – A Brand like a Friend“. Henkel is a leader with brands and technologies that make people's lives easier, better and more beautiful. Henkel, a Fortune Global 500 company, operates in three strategic business areas - Home Care, Personal Care, and Adhesives, Sealants and Surface Treatment. In fiscal 2005 Henkel generated sales of 11.974 billion euros. More than 50,000 employees work for Henkel worldwide. People in approximately 125 countries around the world trust in brands and technologies from Henkel.

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