# PRIVATE PLACEMENT MEMORANDUM

# Henkel of America, Inc. Unconditionally Guaranteed by Henkel KGaA \$2,000,000,000

# **Private Placement Commercial Paper Notes**

THE NOTES HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "ACT"), OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAW, AND OFFERS AND SALES THEREOF MAY BE MADE ONLY IN COMPLIANCE WITH AN APPLICABLE EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACT AND ANY APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS. BY ITS ACCEPTANCE OF A NOTE, THE PURCHASER WILL BE DEEMED TO REPRESENT THAT IT HAS BEEN AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO INVESTIGATE MATTERS RELATING TO THE ISSUER AND THE NOTES, THAT IT IS NOT ACQUIRING SUCH NOTE WITH A VIEW TO ANY DISTRIBUTION THEREOF AND THAT IT IS EITHER (A) AN INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR THAT IS AN ACCREDITED INVESTOR WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 501(a) UNDER THE ACT (AN "INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR") AND THAT EITHER IS PURCHASING NOTES FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT, IS A U.S. BANK (AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3(a)(2) OF THE ACT) OR A SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OR OTHER INSTITUTION (AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3(a)(5)(a) OF THE ACT) ACTING IN ITS INDIVIDUAL OR FIDUCIARY CAPACITY OR IS A FIDUCIARY OR AGENT (OTHER THAN A U.S. BANK OR SAVINGS AND LOAN) PURCHASING NOTES FOR ONE OR MORE ACCOUNTS EACH OF WHICH IS SUCH AN INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR; OR (B) A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER ("QIB") WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144A UNDER THE ACT WHICH IS ACQUIRING NOTES FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR ONE OR MORE ACCOUNTS, EACH OF WHICH IS A QIB AND WITH RESPECT TO EACH OF WHICH THE PURCHASER HAS SOLE INVESTMENT DISCRETION; AND THE PURCHASER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT IS AWARE THAT THE SELLER MAY RELY UPON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THE ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A. BY ITS ACCEPTANCE OF A NOTE, THE PURCHASER THEREOF ALSO SHALL ALSO BE DEEMED TO AGREE THAT ANY RESALE OR OTHER TRANSFER THEREOF WILL BE MADE ONLY (A) IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE ACT, EITHER (1) TO THE ISSUER OR TO MERRILL LYNCH MONEY MARKETS INC. OR MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED ("MERRILL LYNCH") OR ANOTHER PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE ISSUER AS A PLACEMENT AGENT FOR THE NOTES (COLLECTIVELY, THE "PLACEMENT AGENTS"), NONE OF WHICH SHALL HAVE ANY OBLIGATION TO ACQUIRE SUCH NOTE, (2) THROUGH A PLACEMENT AGENT TO AN INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR OR A QIB, OR (3) TO A QIB IN A TRANSACTION THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A AND (B) IN MINIMUM AMOUNTS OF \$250,000.

#### **PLACEMENT AGENT:**

# Merrill Lynch Money Markets Inc.

In connection with maturities up to 270 days

# Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated

In connection with maturities over 270 days and up to 397 days

## **SEPTEMBER 2005**

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# **Terms of Commercial Paper Notes**

**Issuer:** 

Henkel of America, Inc. (the "Company"), with sales of \$2.2 billion in 2004,

has achieved leading market positions in adhesives and in metal surface technologies and also offers a broad line of branded consumer products for the

retail markets.

Incorporated in:

Delaware

Guarantee:

Henkel KGaA ("Henkel" or the "Guarantor")

Incorporated in:

Germany

**Securities:** 

\$2,000,000,000 of unsecured notes (the "Notes")

**Offering Price:** 

Par less a discount representing an interest factor or, if interest bearing, at par

**Minimum Purchase:** 

\$250,000 minimum principal amount

**Maturities:** 

Up to 397 days from date of issue

Redemption:

The Notes will not be redeemed prior to maturity or be subject to voluntary

prepayment

**Settlement:** 

Unless otherwise agreed to, same day basis, in immediately available funds

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# **AVAILABLE INFORMATION**

Annual and interim reports of the Guarantor are available from the Company at the address below. The annual and interim reports of the Guarantor are also available to the public at its website at http://www.ir.henkel.com. This website URL is an inactive textual reference only. The Company is offering the opportunity to each prospective purchaser, prior to purchasing any Notes, to ask questions of, and receive answers from, the Company and to obtain relevant information to the extent the Company possesses the same or can acquire it without unreasonable effort or expense.

To ask any such questions or request additional information regarding the offering or the Company or the Guarantor contact:

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## Henkel KGaA

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If you require additional information or have any questions regarding the terms of the program, please contact:

## **Merrill Lynch Money Markets**

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