



Press Release

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Strengthening expertise in innovative surface technologies

Henkel acquires advanced materials start-up NBD Nanotechnologies Inc.

Düsseldorf – Henkel completed the acquisition of the US-based advanced materials start-up NBD Nanotechnologies Inc. (NBD Nano). NBD Nano, headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts, has expertise in developing surface properties such as repellency for plastics or optical coatings for displays. With this acquisition Henkel aims to strengthen the position of its Adhesive Technologies business unit in the area of functional coatings.

Through its proprietary platform technology, NBD Nano creates coatings that reduce fingerprint visibility for glass and impart stain repellency for plastics, textiles and other materials. NBD Nano's know-how can be used in manifold applications – from electronics and consumer goods, to automotive and packaging. Its product offerings include Invisiprint® coating additives that provide fingerprint management and reduction of odor and stain causing bacteria on displays, and RepelFlex™ coatings that significantly reduce odor and stain causing bacteria on common use plastics such as electronic accessories and films.

“We believe that our acquisition of NBD Nano will accelerate the commercialization of their cutting-edge technologies,” said Michael Todd, Global Head of Innovation at Henkel Adhesive Technologies. “Their demonstrated innovations in coatings for the electronics and accessories market combined with Henkel's global footprint will extend the reach for broader application of NBD Nano's solutions in the commercial marketplace.”

Both parties agreed to not disclose any financial details of the transaction.

About Henkel

Henkel operates globally with a well-balanced and diversified portfolio. The company holds leading positions with its three business units in both industrial and consumer businesses thanks to strong brands, innovations and technologies. Henkel Adhesive Technologies is the global leader in the adhesives market – across all industry segments worldwide. In its Laundry & Home Care and Beauty Care businesses, Henkel holds leading positions in many markets and categories around the world. Founded in 1876, Henkel looks back on more than 140 years of success. In 2021, Henkel reported sales of more than 20 billion euros. The company employs about 53,000 people globally – a passionate and highly diverse team, united by a strong company culture, a common purpose, and shared values. As a recognized leader in sustainability, Henkel holds top positions in many international indices and rankings. Henkel's preferred shares are listed in the German stock index DAX. For more information, please visit www.henkel.com.

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