Back-to-Back Agreement concluded between Henkel and Akzo Nobel

In addition to our notifications of July 30 and August 6, 2007 we hereby notify that following approval of the Shareholders’ Committee of Henkel KGaA, Düsseldorf, Henkel and Akzo Nobel N.V., Arnhem, The Netherlands, have signed an agreement on a back-to-back transaction on August 13, 2007. Under the terms of this agreement, Henkel will acquire the adhesives and electronic materials businesses of National Starch and Chemical Company, Bridgewater, N.J., USA. National Starch is a subsidiary company of ICI plc, London, UK. The back-to-back transaction is conditional on the successful completion of the takeover of ICI by Akzo Nobel.

The transaction value amounts to 2.7 GBP (close to 4 billion euros). The adhesives/electronic materials business of National Starch had sales of 1.26 billion GBP (approx. 1.85 billion euros) in 2006.

Henkel KGaA