

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **HARKE GROUP has taken over the Swedish Vendico Group**

HARKE GROUP, based in Mülheim an der Ruhr, Germany, acquired the Swedish Vendico Group, consisting of Vendico Chemical AB, Inventicon AB and Omni International AB.

Vendico Group represents several dozen leading strong manufacturers of chemical raw materials in the Personal Care, Home Care and I&I sectors as well as other applications. It has a broad range of chemicals that is directed towards many branches of the Nordic chemical industry — with a strong foothold on companies working with surface active applications.

Thorsten Harke, President of HARKE GROUP is convinced: "With the acquisition of Vendico Group we further strengthen our presence in the Nordic chemical distribution market. Vendico Group fits perfectly to HARKE GROUP. Not only concerning the regions it covers — Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Iceland and the Baltic region. But also from its product range and the principals it represents, of which many had been cooperating with HARKE GROUP before already. By combining the two company groups we can now offer an even better coverage and service to our customers and principals throughout Europe and Asia."

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Anders Håkansson, Vendico Group's Managing Director adds: "HARKE GROUP is an excellent future owner of Vendico Group. Being a family business like Vendico Group, its business strategy and market approach are very similar, granting a seamless continuity and increased service in the future, both for our long-years customers and principals, as well as for our staff."

### About HARKE GROUP

Founded in 1965 as internationally acting chemical distributor, the family owned HARKE GROUP reached a total turnover of around € 197 million in 2024, ranking among the top 50 Chemical Distributors in Europe. It has a network of subsidiaries all over Europe, including Turkey, as well as in Asia.

Its product portfolio covers products for the life sciences industries such as pharma, food and cosmetics, as well as for the clean care and water treatment industry, raw materials for coatings, plastics and polymers, industrial chemicals and high purity chemicals for electronics.

It furthermore comprises specialty plastic products such as specialty films and high purity containers up to complete packaging, graphics and gravure systems. Following its strategy as a full service and complete system provider, HARKE GROUP offers a full range of technical advice and services around those products, from regulatory advice, custom development and formulations, compatibility testing, tools, equipment and software, up to blending, contract filling and packing of finished products in its production sites in Germany and Hungary.

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### About Vendico Group

The Swedish Vendico Group, consisting of Vendico Chemical AB, Inventicon AB and Omni International AB, was founded in 1994. The intention was to create a leading distribution and service company for Personal Care, Home Care, I&I as well as specialty chemicals for other technical applications like Coatings, Plastics and Polymers in the Nordic market, offering high quality raw materials at reasonable prices and providing a high level of technical support, as well as fast and secure deliveries through sufficient stocks, and efficient, fast and reliable customer service and logistics.

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