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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find Henkel's Press Release: "Henkel acquires Majority Stake in Central American Detergents Producer".

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Very truly yours,

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Strengthening its detergents business

Henkel Acquires Majority Stake in Central American Detergents Producer

The Henkel Group has purchased a majority stake in the Central American company La Luz S.A., based in Guatemala City, Guatemala. La Luz S.A. manufactures and markets detergents and household cleaners in the Central American region.

Düsseldorf, Germany – The Henkel Group has acquired a majority stake in the Central American detergents manufacturer La Luz S.A. The transaction is effective June 30, 2003. The company, based in Guatemala City, Guatemala, produces detergents and household cleaners. La Luz S.A. is a family-owned company with over 60 years of experience in the detergents business and holds a strong market position in Central America. The company achieved sales of approx. 35 million euros in the 2001/2002 fiscal year.

“This acquisition helps us to sustainably expand our detergents business in a promising market”, says Dr. Klaus Morwind, Executive Vice President Laundry & Home Care of the Henkel Group. “A decisive advantage arising from this transaction are the synergies resulting from the technological and marketing know-how of the Henkel Group combined with the experience of our new partner in its local business environment.”

Henkel has been operating on the Latin American detergents market since its market entry in Mexico in the year 2000.

"Henkel - A Brand like a Friend". Henkel is a leader with brands and technologies that make people's lives easier, better and more beautiful. The Henkel Group operates in three strategic business areas - Home Care, Personal Care, and Adhesives, Sealants and Surface Treatment. The Company is represented in over 75 countries. In the first quarter 2003, the Henkel Group generated sales of 2.3 billion euros and an operating profit (EBIT) of 168 million euros. 50,000 employees work for the Henkel Group worldwide. Henkel brands and technologies are available in 125 countries around the world.

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