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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find Henkel's Press Release "Henkel successfully completes acquisition of Sovereign Speciality Chemicals".

This information is being furnished pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Very truly yours,
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Information from Corporate Communications

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Attached please find the press release "Henkel successfully completes acquisition of Sovereign Specialty Chemicals", which we distributed to the media.

Please pass this information on to your staff as appropriate.

With my very best regards

Ernst Primosch

Press Release

Henkel sustainably strengthens its craftsmen and industrial businesses in the USA

Henkel successfully completes acquisition of Sovereign Specialty Chemicals

Düsseldorf/Chicago – The acquisition of the U.S. adhesives company Sovereign Specialty Chemicals, Inc. by Henkel Corporation, a U.S. affiliate of Henkel KGaA, was successfully completed on December 27, 2004. The transaction value of the acquisition is approximately 575 million USD.

"The acquisition of Sovereign Specialty Chemicals provides Henkel in North America with a substantial and growing business in the craftsmen and DIY adhesives and sealants market and complements the industrial segment in an ideal way. We now hold a strong number two position in both segments in the U.S. market", says Ulrich Lehner, Chairman of the Management Board of Henkel KGaA. "With the successful

completion of all acquisitions made in 2004, the Henkel Group will generate about 25 percent of its sales in the USA.”

Sovereign Specialty Chemicals employs about 900 people worldwide and realized sales of 391 million USD in the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. The product range encompasses technologically sophisticated adhesives, sealants and coating materials for various industrial applications as well as for the craftsmen and DIY market segment.

“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. In fiscal 2003 the Henkel Group generated sales of 9.436 billion euros and an operating profit (EBIT) of 706 million euros. More than 50,000 employees work for the Henkel Group worldwide. People in 125 countries around the world trust in brands and technologies from Henkel.

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