

Gliwice, 26 April 2011

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that based on an agreement signed on 20 April 2011, and assuming the granting of necessary regulatory clearances and satisfaction of customary terms and conditions for closing, POCH S.A. will become an affiliate of Avantor Performance Materials, Inc.

Avantor Performance Materials manufactures and markets high performance chemistries and materials around the world under several respected brand names, including the J.T.Baker[®], Macron[™] (formerly Mallinckrodt[®]), Rankem[™] and Diagnova[™] brands. The company is owned by an affiliate of New Mountain Capital, LLC.

Avantor chose POCH S.A. as a candidate for acquisition because of its established and expansive manufacturing presence and distribution channel in Poland and Eastern Europe. The transaction is part of Avantor's continuing strategy to strengthen its presence in the global market by growing both organically and through acquisition, expanding into new markets and geographies.

This acquisition will allow for synergies in market and production know-how and enrichment of the combined product portfolio, significantly increasing the level of expertise dedicated to various industry sectors. I am convinced that combining the resources and experience of these two companies will enable us to serve you better.

When this acquisition is completed, Avantor and its owner, an affiliate of New Mountain Capital, L.L.C., will provide POCH S.A. with significant financial and strategic resources to support growth initiatives, both yours and ours.

I am proud of our accomplishments and convinced that soon you will be able to see that the integration of POCH S.A. within international structures will allow for even greater satisfaction of our customers' and partners' expectations.

While many details remain to be worked out before POCH S.A. and its product lines are fully integrated into Avantor, we expect to maintain the same level of product quality and customer service you have always enjoyed from POCH S.A. Customers should direct questions to the respective Avantor or POCH S.A. salesperson.

I would like to thank you for the trust and support you have shown us over the years. And I want to assure you that our ability to provide high quality products and outstanding customer service will only improve as we become part of this world-class organization.

Kind regards,

Jarosław Bieszczad
CEO POCH S.A.

About Avantor™ Performance Materials – formerly Mallinckrodt Baker

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Avantor products are used in a wide range of industries. Our biomedical and life science solutions are used in academic, industry and quality control laboratories for research, pharmaceutical production and medical lab testing, while our electronics solutions are used in the manufacturing of semiconductors, photovoltaic cells and flat panel displays. Based in Phillipsburg, New Jersey (USA), Avantor is owned by an affiliate of New Mountain Capital, LLC. For additional information please visit www.avantormaterials.com or follow www.twitter.com/avantor_news.

About New Mountain Capital

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