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# Univar Acquires Dow Canada's Western Caustic Soda Distribution Assets

**Rotterdam, The Netherlands – August 13, 2007** – Univar N.V. (Euronext Amsterdam: UNIVR), a world leader in chemical distribution, today announced that its Univar Canada business unit signed an agreement to purchase Dow Canada's western Canada caustic soda distribution assets. The assets consist of caustic soda storage and transportation assets, primarily tank terminal assets and leasehold at North Vancouver, British Columbia, and an owned fleet of 374 railcars, plus related supply and sales contracts. This acquisition will increase Univar Canada's annual sales of liquid caustic soda by an amount between 250,000 and 280,000 dry metric tons. The transaction, which is subject to regulatory approvals, is expected to close as soon as practicable in 2007.

This acquisition will enhance Univar Canada's footprint in the distribution of caustic soda in western Canada and the British Columbia and Alberta provinces. Gary E. Pruitt, Chairman and CEO of Univar N.V., said, "We are delighted with this transaction. It enables us to better serve the needs of our customers, primarily pulp and paper mills and oil and gas operators within these markets. Acquiring the Dow caustic business leverages a core Univar product offering and maintains our strong growth momentum in the western Canadian market."

### About Univar

Univar N.V. (Euronext Amsterdam: UNIVR) is one of the world's leading independent distributors of industrial chemicals and providers of related specialty services, operating throughout North America and Europe. Univar endeavors to service its customer base, made up of some 250,000 industrial customers, with a full portfolio of products. The majority are commodities that the company buys in bulk, then processes, blends and repacks to meet the diverse requirements of the industries we serve. Others are specialties—purchased pre-packaged and sold on a technical basis, usually under a manufacturer's own brand. As well as differentiating ourselves through our vast product offering, Univar also provides a number of related services, both to its customers and suppliers, such as blending, managing customer inventories, packaging, labeling, warehouse management, waste management, technical support and managing vendor reduction programs. Univar operates a network of over 200 distribution centers, located throughout the United States, Canada, 18 European countries and China. In 2006, Univar generated net sales of USD 6.6 billion and operating income (EBIT) of USD 238.6 million. Univar has approximately 7,900 employees based throughout North America, Europe and China. The company's registered office is in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, with administrative support offices in Bellevue, Washington, USA, and Bradford, England, UK. For more information, visit: [www.univarcorp.com](http://www.univarcorp.com)

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