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### Univar Receives Notice of a Competing Acquisition Proposal for CHEMCENTRAL

**Rotterdam, The Netherlands – March 19, 2007** – Univar N.V. (Euronext Amsterdam: UNIVR), a world leader in chemical distribution, today announced that its US subsidiary, Univar USA, received notice that CHEMCENTRAL Corporation received a non-binding proposal from Brenntag Holding GmbH to acquire CHEMCENTRAL for USD 700 million, subject to certain reductions, including a reduction for the termination fee payable to Univar. The proposal is subject to completion of due diligence and other conditions. Univar announced on March 12, 2007, that its US subsidiary, Univar USA, entered into an agreement to acquire CHEMCENTRAL for approximately USD 600 million. If the CHEMCENTRAL Board of Directors determines that a competing proposal is superior to Univar's, CHEMCENTRAL must give Univar advance notice of 3 business days, during which period Univar may decide, but is not required, to negotiate with CHEMCENTRAL to make adjustments in the terms and conditions of their merger agreement. CHEMCENTRAL may terminate the merger agreement with Univar in favor of a competing offer if it pays Univar a termination fee of USD 22 million.

#### 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 160 distribution centers, located throughout the United States, Canada and 18 European countries. In 2006, Univar generated net sales of USD 6.6 billion and operating income (EBIT) of USD 238.6 million. Univar has approximately 6,900 employees based throughout North America and Europe. 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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