



## Press release

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### **Biesterfeld receives exclusive distribution rights for kaolin**

From the start of June, Biesterfeld Spezialchemie will be the official distributor for Pharmakaolin B 860 (INCI: KAOLIN), which is made by the HPF The Mineral Engineers division of Quarzwerke Group, in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, the Benelux countries, Spain, Portugal, Greece and the Czech Republic. This natural raw material is used in the pharmaceutical and cosmetics industries to manufacture pastes, tablets, powders, balms, face masks, deodorants, colour cosmetics and soaps.

Pharmakaolin B 860 is a bright white clay of German origin, which meets all Pharmacopoeia Europaea requirements for "kaolin, heavy/kaolinum ponderosum" for both external and internal applications. It is characterised by its very high kaolinite content and is odourless, with fine particles and a soft feel. Pharmakaolin B 860 disperses easily in water; it is a raw material that has a high binding capacity for liquids and is non-hygroscopic.

"We are very pleased with the trust our partner Quarzwerke has shown in us by granting these exclusive distribution rights," says Dominik von Borstel, Product Manager Essential Chemicals at Biesterfeld Spezialchemie. "The closer partnership will allow us to make even better use of our product expertise and knowledge of the market."

#### **About the Quarzwerke Group**

The Quarzwerke Group is an independent international family business with 135 years of tradition and a significant market position in the extraction, processing and refining of industrial minerals, mainly from its own deposits. More than 35 production sites are located in Middle and Eastern Europe. Headquartered in Frechen near Cologne, Germany, the company is organized into six divisions and currently employs approximately 3,500 people worldwide. The division HPF The Mineral Engineers has been developing and selling high-performance fillers and additives for polymer systems, cosmetics and pharmaceutical products based on natural and synthetic minerals for years. These high-performance fillers give polymer systems amazing functional and / or optical properties and are used around the globe. Sales offices are established in the vicinity of Milan, Italy and in Seoul, South Korea.

#### **About Biesterfeld Spezialchemie**

Biesterfeld Spezialchemie is one of the leading international distributors of specialty chemical products and solutions worldwide. The product portfolio focuses on the requirements of selected industries, including personal care, healthcare, paints and coatings, adhesives, polyurethane, construction, nutrition, electrical, electronics and energy. As a partner to leading global suppliers, the company is represented in Europe and Latin America and provides solution-orientated, technology-based expertise as well as customised solutions. Biesterfeld Spezialchemie is part of the Biesterfeld Group, which has been active as a trade and service company for 112 years. With over 40 locations worldwide, the mainly family-owned group is one of the leading distributors for plastics, rubber, and basic and specialty chemicals.



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