

Media release

## DKSH expands personal care innovation center in Spain

**DKSH, a leading Market Expansion Services provider, has expanded its personal care innovation center in Barcelona, Spain. The expansion in laboratory size, high-end equipment and specialized staff will allow DKSH to continue to meet client and customer demand, whilst further exploring the market potential for sun care applications and facial treatments.**

Barcelona, Spain, April 3, 2017 – DKSH Business Unit Performance Materials, a leading specialty chemicals distributor and provider of Market Expansion Services for performance materials, has expanded its innovation center in Barcelona, Spain. The innovation center was inaugurated by Zeus Química in 2013, prior to its acquisition by DKSH.

Based at the company's facilities in Barcelona, the center provides a range of services to ingredient manufacturers in the personal care and cosmetics industries. Experienced DKSH technologists create cosmetics products, formulations and concepts for use in baby care, hair care, skin care, sun care, toiletries and wellness applications.

Worldwide, DKSH operates 26 innovation centers, eleven of which are dedicated to the personal care industry. DKSH innovation centers provide a range of services including: idea generation and conceptualization; new ingredient and technology application; product development, customization and duplication; acceptance testing compliant with GMP standards; market and stability testing; product demonstration; product and cost improvement; trouble-shooting and hands-on technical training.

Ramon Viñas, Head Country Manager Spain and Portugal, DKSH, commented: "Over four years we have developed a wide range of successful products, formulations and concepts for our clients and customers. Our innovation services offer next level solutions to the personal care industry. This strategic expansion will enhance our service offerings and bring added value to our business partners."

### About DKSH

DKSH is the leading Market Expansion Services provider with a focus on Asia. As the term "Market Expansion Services" suggests, DKSH helps other companies and brands to grow their business in new or existing markets. Publicly listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange since 2012, DKSH is a global company headquartered in Zurich. With 780 business locations in 36 countries – 750 of them in Asia – and 30,320 specialized staff, DKSH generated net sales of CHF 10.5 billion in 2016. DKSH was founded in 1865. With strong Swiss heritage, the company has a long tradition of doing business in and with Asia and is deeply rooted in communities and businesses across Asia Pacific.

**DKSH Business Unit Performance Materials** is a leading specialty chemicals distributor and provider of Market Expansion Services for performance materials, covering Europe, North America and the whole of Asia. The Business Unit sources, develops, markets and distributes a wide range of specialty chemicals and ingredients for pharmaceutical, personal care, food & beverage as well as various industrial applications. In addition, it creates innovative and cutting-edge concepts and applications in 26 innovation centers located worldwide. With 80 business locations in 31 countries and around 990 specialized staff, Business Unit Performance Materials generated net sales of CHF 870.6 million in 2016.

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