

Akzo Nobel appoints Senior Vice President Finance

Arnhem, the Netherlands, October 14, 2005 – Keith Nichols [45] has been appointed Senior Vice President Finance. He will join Akzo Nobel on December 1, 2005 reporting to Rob Frohn, Chief Financial Officer.

Keith Nichols, a British national, joins Akzo Nobel from Corus Group plc where he held the position of Group Treasurer. He brings to Akzo Nobel extensive experience and knowledge in international financial and treasury management.

Prior to joining Corus, Keith Nichols held a number of senior positions within the TNT Post Group from 1999 including that of acting Chief Financial Officer. His last position within TNT was Finance Director of the Global Logistics Division.

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Note for the editor

Akzo Nobel, based in the Netherlands, serves customers throughout the world with healthcare products, coatings and chemicals. Consolidated revenues for 2004 totaled EUR 12.7 billion. The Company currently employs some 62,000 people in more than 80 countries. The financial results for the third quarter will be published on October 19, 2005.

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