

Press release

## VCI extends contract with DACHSER

**Kempton, April 20, 2017. The Chemical Industry Association (Verband der Chemischen Industrie e.V. or VCI) has extended its purchasing alliance with Dachser for another two years. The partners have enjoyed a successful collaboration on European groupage shipments from Germany since 2009 and extended it to include Air & Sea freight transport in 2015.**

Association members, mostly medium-sized companies in the chemicals industry, benefit from standardized transportation and warehousing services for their goods consignments on pallets. A central dangerous goods team and 180 regional dangerous goods safety advisors ensure safe transport in a seamless Dachser logistics network consisting of 409 branch offices. Complementing this is a specialized industry team focused on the specific logistics needs of the chemical industry.

“As exports increase, the chemical industry in Germany is growing. In addition, production sites are now scattered across the whole globe,” says Michael Kriegel, Department Head DachserChem-Logistics. “With this in mind, medium-sized companies now see the advantage of having integrated and IT-connected supply chains.”

“Our longstanding partnership with Dachser has been very positive, so we’re pleased to continue the cooperation,” says Johann-Peter Nickel, Head of Economics, Finance and IT at VCI. “Not only does it mean our members can buy reliable and high-quality logistics services, but in Dachser they also get a partner that perfectly understands their requirements and speaks the language of the chemical industry. In the complex business world our members now find themselves in, that is of extraordinary value.”

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### **Combined industry expertise**

With Dachser Chem-Logistics, Dachser has created a specialized logistics industry solution that is exactly tailored to the requirements of the chemicals industry. In doing so, the globally-positioned logistics provider took its standardized core services within the groupage network (shipping, warehousing, and IT) and combined them with specific service components for producers of chemical products. As the contact party for companies in the

chemicals industry, branch offices can consult with an available centralized team of industry experts.

Dachser transports over 3.2 million hazardous goods shipments each year; locations in Europe that are specially organized to handle the storage of hazardous goods play a key role in this regard. Currently, 23 branch offices in Germany, Denmark, Austria, Hungary and Romania are evaluated based on the Safety and Quality Assessment System (SQAS) questionnaire— administered by the European Chemical Industry Council (or CEFIC)—in the transport, service and/or warehousing modules.

**About Dachser:**

A family-owned company headquartered in Kempten, Germany, Dachser is a leading supplier of logistics services worldwide. Dachser offers comprehensive transport logistics, warehousing and customer-specific services in two business fields: Dachser Air & Sea Logistics and Dachser Road Logistics. The latter consists of two business lines: Dachser European Logistics and Dachser Food Logistics. Comprehensive contract-logistics services and industry-specific solutions round out the company's offerings. A seamless shipping network—both in Europe and overseas—and fully integrated IT systems ensure intelligent logistics solutions worldwide.

Thanks to some 27,450 employees at 409 locations all over the globe, Dachser generated revenue of 5.71 billion euros in 2016. That same year, the logistics provider handled a total of 80 million shipments weighing 38.2 million metric tons. Country organizations represent Dachser in 43 countries.

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