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**Press release****Using chemistry to fight Covid-19: CHT Group adds surface disinfectant to its product portfolio**

Since the beginning of this year, a pandemic, the likes of which have not been witnessed for more than a century, has spread across the globe. After a month-and-a-half lockdown in Germany, a relaxation of the stay-at-home rules and a gradual transition to the “new normal” are now planned. As a result, providing companies and institutions with medical supplies to protect their staff has become even more important. Already in mid-March, CHT Germany GmbH, which specializes in specialty chemicals, took up production and distribution of hand disinfectant. Now the company is expanding its product portfolio by adding important medical supplies that can help fight Covid-19 (SARS-CoV-2). Starting immediately, CHT is providing its business customers with surface disinfectant, textile supplies for medical protective wear as well as supplies for test kits and face masks.

Following increased demand for disinfectant in the wake of the new coronavirus, the CHT Group began already a month and a half ago to produce hand disinfectant at its factory in Dußlingen. Since then, more of its factories around the world had joined in. Now the CHT Group is complementing this offering by producing its own surface disinfectant based on ethanol. As with the hand disinfectant, the production of the surface disinfectant received a special approval, based on the expanded general ruling by the German Federal Agency for Chemicals (BAuA). Both types of disinfectant use publicly available standard formulas for alcohol-based disinfectant from the World Health Organization (WHO). The sale of CHT's surface disinfectant, which is available in 5-, 10- and 30-liter canisters, is exclusively for use by industry customers.

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In addition, the CHT Group is manufacturing a range of textile-relevant products that provide protection from Covid-19. These include functional supplies for face masks for medical protective wear, as well as flocking for test kits. Through these offerings, the CHT Group also wants to support the textile sector, which has been strongly affected by the crisis. The above-mentioned products can help the textile sector generate new orders with an adapted offering, and therefore help them get through these difficult times.

Petra Engels, Group Vice President Marketing & Sales at the CHT Group, is proud of the flexibility shown by the company. The broadening of the product portfolio demonstrates that the company can quickly adapt to fast-changing market circumstances. She also stresses that “the current crisis really makes clear how important the work is of chemical companies. With our products, the CHT Group is able to make an important contribution toward preventing new infections and protecting people.”

## **About the CHT Group**

The CHT Group is a medium-sized global player for specialty chemicals that operates globally in the fields of development, production and distribution. CHT Germany GmbH in Tübingen, where the group is headquartered, focuses on sustainable chemical products and process solutions.

TEXTILE SOLUTIONS from CHT improve the quality, functionality and optical appearance and cleanliness of textiles, and also optimize the production processes connected to them. In the field of silicones, construction materials, paint, lacquers, paper, and products for the agricultural, cleaning and care industries, INDUSTRY SOLUTIONS offers innovative products and process solutions. By combining the strengths of the entire group, additional innovation products, applications or processes are continuously being developed by SCIENCE & SERVICE SOLUTIONS and comprehensive technical advice offered to customers. CHT's highly qualified staff work in the most modern labs available in the fields of development, analytics and application technology as they work on new ideas and solutions that meet today's requirements.

The CHT Group has 2,200 employees and manufacturing and distribution sites across the globe, represented through 27 subsidiaries. In 2019, total revenues were around 535 million euros.

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