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Dear Valued Customer:

We are pleased to announce that Avantor™ Performance Materials has completed its acquisition of POCH S.A., one of the leading chemical suppliers in Poland. The definitive agreement to acquire POCH was initially announced in April. The acquisition of POCH from Kulczyk Holding is yet another illustration of our plans to bring you new products and capabilities and to grow into new markets and geographies, both organically and through acquisition.

POCH S.A. produces and supplies laboratory chemistries under the Labscan, POCH and CHEM brand names. Its markets include pharmaceuticals; food and feed; chemical and petrochemical; environmental protection; and research and analytical chemistry. It has a strong record of financial performance and a large base of long-term customer relationships.

POCH's expansive manufacturing presence and distribution network strengthen our capabilities in Eastern Europe. As we formally integrate POCH into our organization, we plan to build upon that strong foundation by enhancing our products, support and services to customers in the region.

For POCH, becoming part of Avantor will create new opportunities to enrich its product portfolio, and to offer its customers access to Avantor's brands and global distribution and support system.

Combined with the recent acquisition of RFCL in India, the addition of POCH gives us a more competitive global presence, expanding our manufacturing footprint and allowing us to improve customer service. We do not anticipate any supply interruptions or immediate process changes as a result of this transaction. We will continue to use our Management of Change procedure to update you as we work to integrate POCH S.A. Please contact your Avantor sales representative with any questions regarding this acquisition.

We hope you can see how our commitment to becoming a global leader in performance materials positions us to meet your needs now and in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Gilson", written over a horizontal line.

Jean-Marc Gilson
President & CEO