

## **CHEMEX EXPANDS INTERNATIONAL NETWORK**

**Chemex International is expanding its overseas network following a surge in demand for its cleaning and hygiene products.**

The company is set to open up distribution operations in the Middle East, Western Europe and South Africa.

Since it was formed 22 years ago UK based Chemex has grown to become the leading supplier of cleaning and hygiene materials in Europe with operations in Belgium, Denmark, Ireland, Cyprus and Malta.

Now it is looking to strengthen its European arm by expanding into Germany, Holland, Portugal and Spain.

Sean Derrig, Chief Executive of Chemex International said: “Our international business grew by 20 per cent last year and following the introduction of a range of leading edge products we are getting tremendous interest from a number of countries where we are not currently represented.

“In particular the launch of AntiBak – the only product guaranteed to kill *C difficile* spores on contact – has generated exceptional interest particularly in the international health sector.”

Chemex AntiBak has been under development for more than three years and has passed international standards confirming its ability to kill some of the world’s most dangerous bacteria and viruses including *C.diff* spores, Norovirus, MRSA, Avian Flu H5N1, Polio, SARS, Hepatitis C and HIV.

Mr Derrig added: "Chemex has a proven track record in developing and delivering new products and high levels of service and this has not escaped the interest of potential franchisees in the UK and abroad.

"We are currently in negotiations with a number of potential partners and we would hope to have agreements in place later this year."

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**NOTE TO EDITORS:**

Chemex International, formerly Chemical Express, was founded in 1985 to supply commercial cleaning, hygiene and maintenance products which are widely regarded as leaders in several market sectors. Its network of 100 franchisees in 10 countries provide products, consultancy and training in hygiene and infection control in the healthcare, hygiene, food preparation and leisure industries.

The company's expertise and excellence of service has earned it a Franchisor of the Year Award from the British Franchise Association. Chemex is owned by three former BFA Board members.