



## **Avandis will produce hand alcohol for Dutch hospitals**

**20 March 2020, Zoetermeer - Avandis, one of Europe's most modern producers of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, will, in collaboration with its logistics partner Nedcargo, produce hand alcohol in its facility in Zoetermeer and distribute it to hospitals and other healthcare institutions in the Netherlands. There is a serious shortage as a result of the sharp increase in demand for hand alcohol worldwide. Production will start in the middle of next week. The first bottles of hand alcohol are expected to arrive at the hospitals at the end of next week.**

The sector was approached late last week by professor van Houdenhoven, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Sint Maartenskliniek and professor by special appointment at Radboud University Nijmegen and the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport (VWS) regarding the shortages of disinfectant alcohol in the care sector.

Sander Molkenboer, Avandis Managing Director: "As soon as it became clear that our lines could be set up for the production of hand alcohol and the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport could provide all the necessary exemptions and regulations, we immediately set to work. This decisive action makes highly effective upscaling possible and we can deliver in a few days. I am pleased that, together with our partner Nedcargo, we can help in this way to meet the rapidly growing demand for hand alcohol."

From the middle of next week, the production of the disinfectant hand alcohol will start with an initial batch of 100,000 bottles. As soon as the bottles are ready, Nedcargo, in consultation with the ministry, will immediately distribute them to hospitals and other healthcare institutions. The bottles of hand alcohol are supplied at cost price.

The exact magnitude of the demand for hand alcohol is not yet clear, but based on the signals from suppliers, the request for help from healthcare institutions, and the request from the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, an initial batch of 100,000 liters will be produced. Production and distribution will continue as long as necessary, without jeopardising production for the regular customers of Avandis. Avandis has, with its team, created extra capacity to make this possible. Avandis has the full support of its joint venture partners for this initiative.

For the occasion, the product has been given the name "Sarphati hand alcohol", named after the Dutch physician Samuel Sarphati who meant a lot to Dutch public health in the 19th century.

Avandis, in collaboration with Cargill, is currently investigating whether deliveries can also be made to the Belgian market.

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### **About Avandis**

Avandis is a leading beverage development and production company that has one of Europe's most modern bottling plants with seven advanced filling lines. Located at Zoetermeer, close to Amsterdam Airport Schiphol and the Port of Rotterdam, we are at the heart of the logistics centre of Europe. This means we are outstandingly placed to supply our customers directly from our depot or via our distribution centre. Avandis was set up in 2001 by three leading Dutch beverage companies: Lucas Bols, De Kuyper Royal Distillers and Herman Jansen.

**About Nedcarg**

Nedcarg is a logistics service provider in food, drink and retail. As a major food transporter, Nedcarg plays an important role in the chain from producer to consumer. In doing so, the company intends to handle the environment, costs, time, talent, food and transport as responsibly and efficiently as possible. Nedcarg is a partner in the integrated supply chain of Avandis.