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ANSELL ACQUIRES BLOWTEX OF BRAZIL

Ansell Limited (ASX: ANN) today announced that it has acquired Fabrica de Artefatos de Látex Blowtex Ltda of Brazil. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Blowtex is a leading player in Brazil's attractive retail condom market, with sales of around US\$10 million and a manufacturing facility near Sao Paulo. It has steadily grown to approximately 20% of the Brazilian retail market giving it the third largest share in the country.

Scott Papier, Ansell's Vice President and Regional Director of the America's Consumer Division, commented; "Brazil is the fifth largest condom market in the world, equal to the United Kingdom, with a youthful population and double digit growth rates. Blowtex is a well regarded brand and has major share strength in a number of regions of the country and we look forward to developing their business even more quickly."

Doug Tough, Ansell's CEO, then said; "As per our strategy, Ansell continues to look for bolt on acquisitions in countries where we are not represented. Blowtex fulfils all the criteria; strong and respected brands, solid market share, entrepreneurial and innovative management with efficient manufacturing and the opportunity to extend marketing reach, thereby allowing for significant growth potential. We welcome the Blowtex team to Ansell."

Rustom Jilla, Ansell's CFO, noted that the acquisition was expected to be earnings per share neutral for the remainder of F'07 and accretive from F'08 onwards.

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Ansell Ltd is a global leader in healthcare barrier protective products and in 2005 celebrated 100 years in its field. With operations in the Americas, Europe and Asia, Ansell employs more than 11,000 people worldwide and holds leading positions in the natural latex and synthetic polymer glove and condom markets. Ansell operates in three main business segments: Occupational Healthcare, supplying hand protection to the industrial market; Professional Healthcare, supplying surgical and examination gloves to healthcare professionals; and Consumer Healthcare, supplying sexual health products and consumer hand protection. Information on Ansell and its products can be found at <http://www.ansell.com>.