

## **For Immediate Release**

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### **CellMark Chemicals Acquires AnMar International Ltd.**

STAMFORD, USA (September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014) – CellMark Chemicals, a Division of CellMark AB (Gothenburg, SWEDEN) announced today that its acquisition of AnMar International Ltd. closed on September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014. AnMar, located in Bridgeport, Connecticut USA is a well-established manufacturer and distributor of a wide variety of vitamins, plant extracts, nutraceutical ingredients, amino acids, and other fine chemical related products.

The move to acquire AnMar supports CellMark Chemicals' long term strategy to bolster its global presence in the specialty markets in which it operates, and furthermore, to expand its custom manufacturing capabilities that is a growing part of its portfolio of product & service offerings.

Mr. Hugo Galletta, Head of CellMark's Chemical Division said that, "the owners of AnMar have done an exceptional job at establishing itself in the US nutraceuticals market with good quality suppliers and its own manufacturing capabilities...with the added capabilities of CellMark's financial strength and global reach we see a winning combination for AnMar's suppliers, customers, and employees." AnMar's Senior Vice President and Sales Director, Mr. Alan Pollard added that, "CellMark's intention to grow and develop AnMar's business beyond its traditional boundaries is a good sign for all involved...the business models employed by both AnMar and CellMark are quite similar which should make for a smooth transition."

CellMark AB Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Fredrik Anderson commented that, "the acquisition of AnMar is a testament to CellMark's commitment to make strategic investments in order to help grow our Operating Divisions...we see the AnMar acquisition as another way to grow our network of relationships and to leverage our partnerships in a manner to promote growth and development." The Company Chairman & Co-Founder of CellMark, Mr. Thomas Hedberg added that, "We have confidence in our Chemical Division's ability to grow and add value to our business partners and stakeholders...the AnMar acquisition is one the most important in our 30-year history which demonstrates our continued appetite to grow the CellMark organization in new ways."

### **Notes to Editors**

#### **About CellMark Chemicals**

CellMark Chemicals, headquartered in Stamford, Connecticut, USA is a global supplier of chemical products with 16 offices located worldwide. It specializes in sourcing, selling, and custom manufacturing specialty chemical products. CellMark Chemicals deals primarily with organic, inorganic, specialty, fine chemicals and active ingredients. Its portfolio of more than

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500 products is sold in to Industrial Specialties and Health & Personal Care markets. CellMark Chemicals is part of the CellMark Group, headquartered in Gothenburg, Sweden. CellMark is one of the world's foremost providers of supply chain services to the pulp and paper industry and has grown to diversify in to new industries. Our specialists in sales, marketing, logistics and financial services feature market-leading know-how, and they embrace their challenging role as innovators and developers of truly creative solutions.

At present, CellMark comprises six product divisions: Pulp, Paper, Packaging, Recycling, Metals, and Chemicals as well as the subdivisions Energy and Machinery. CellMark's global network consists of 65 offices in 30 countries, complemented by numerous agents in other markets. Today, CellMark's annual sales volume is nearly 5.5 million tons. Our sourcing activities extend to more than 60 countries, with sales in about 120 markets. Further, the Group has approximately 730 employees. For fiscal year 2013, CellMark recorded sales of USD 2.965 billion. For more information, visit <http://www.cellmark.com>

### **About AnMar**

AnMar, headquartered in Bridgeport, Connecticut, USA was founded in 1995 by John Blanco, Hongbing Deng, and Shanghai International Holding Corp. (SIHC) and is recognized as a leader in supplying consistent, excellent quality ingredients to the nutraceutical market. The company employs a staff of 20 full time employees and has an office in Shanghai, China with two additional support staff employees in that location.

AnMar's customer base mainly consists of manufacturers, contract manufacturers, and distributors operating in the nutraceutical industry. The company maintains registered trademarks for SpiraPure®, VitaPress®, and VitaPress-A® for its Spirulina and DiCalcium Phosphate exclusive product lines. You can learn more about AnMar by visiting their website: <http://www.anmarinternational.com/>.

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