

## Press Release

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### **Brenntag opens Innovation Center at its site in Duisburg, Germany**

Brenntag, the global market leader in chemicals and ingredients distribution, has opened a new Innovation Center at its site in Duisburg. It is the first application center for the Coatings, Adhesives and Construction industries in Germany and the seventh in Brenntag's entire EMEA region.

The new Innovation Center will be used jointly by Brenntag and BCD Chemie, a Brenntag Group company, for projects in Coatings, Adhesives and Construction applications. Customers in Germany, Austria and Switzerland can now benefit from formulation of new products and evaluation of new materials in a wide range of applications.

"Our technical experts know about the changing customer demands in today's market and can offer individual solutions and promote new ideas that meet these demands," comments Christian Frimann, President Material Science EMEA at Brenntag Specialties. "Strengthening our Innovation Center network brings us closer to our customers and shows our commitment to adding value to the raw materials we can supply."

"Our Innovation Center will support our customers in their business with sustainability solutions in a changing world. The combination of our comprehensive supplier portfolio with a state-of-the-art Innovation Center enables us to further enhance our customer satisfaction. We help sustainable use of raw materials and improve product performance in various areas," states Mike Dudjan, Managing Director BCD Chemie.

The Innovation Center in Duisburg offers a range of technical services such as:

- Performance testing of raw materials, finished paints, construction chemicals and adhesives
- Physical testing to industry and customer specific standards
- Comparative testing of different materials in formulations
- Formulation advice to customers to create tailor-made solutions

BCD Chemie, a Brenntag Group company, is headquartered in Hamburg, Germany. It focuses on the pan-European marketing of industrial and performance chemicals. As a link between manufacturers of high-quality chemical raw materials and users from many industries, BCD Chemie provides B2B sales solutions for a wide range of industries and applications. Profound market knowledge, competent product and application consulting as well as comprehensive expertise in chemical-technical and market-analytical contexts form the basis of its philosophy of modern chemical distribution.

**About Brenntag:**

Brenntag is the global market leader in chemicals and ingredients distribution. The company holds a central role in connecting customers and suppliers of the chemical industry. Headquartered in Essen, Germany, Brenntag has more than 17,000 employees worldwide and operates a network of about 700 sites in 78 countries. In 2021, Brenntag generated sales of around 14.4 billion EUR. The two global divisions, Brenntag Essentials and Brenntag Specialties, provide a full-line portfolio of industrial and specialty chemicals and ingredients as well as tailor-made application, marketing and supply chain solutions, technical and formulation support, comprehensive regulatory know-how, and digital solutions for a wide range of industries. In the field of sustainability, Brenntag pursues specific goals and is committed to sustainable solutions in its own sector and the industries served. Brenntag shares have been listed at the Frankfurt Stock Exchange since 2010, initially in the MDAX and since September 2021 in the DAX. In addition, the Brenntag SE shares are listed in the DAX 50 ESG and DAX ESG Target. For more information, visit [www.brenntag.com](http://www.brenntag.com).

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