



### Infrastructure for Innovations: **Key Success Factors at OQ Ruhrchemie Site in Oberhausen, Germany**

**Oberhausen, Aug. 9, 2023** – At the end of July, Federal Minister of Economic Affairs, Robert Habeck, visited the OQ Ruhrchemie site in Oberhausen, which is operated by the global chemical company OQ Chemicals. The purpose of the visit was to tour the construction site of partner company Air Liquide, which is building a state-of-the-art green hydrogen production facility. During his visit, the minister acknowledged the impressive innovative strength of the site.

“The visit of Robert Habeck, alongside NRW Minister of Economic Affairs, Mona Neubaur, underscores the significance of the OQ Ruhrchemie site in Oberhausen and its forward-looking approach as a driving force for the region and a major hub for chemical production. As the operating company, we are making significant investments in facilities and infrastructure,” stated Dr. Oliver Borgmeier, CEO of OQ Chemicals.

The OQ Ruhrchemie site, known in German as “OQ Werk Ruhrchemie”, is an important integrated site with modern and efficient infrastructure, spanning approximately 120 hectares, and excellently connected to the European road, rail, and waterway networks. About 1,400 highly qualified employees work here, serving OQ Chemicals and six other partner companies. The site provides a prime foundation for growth and success for chemical manufacturing enterprises.

“With the highest safety and environmental standards, a reliable energy supply, and a comprehensive range of infrastructure and services, we support our partners in their chemical processes and are prepared for transformative developments. Working with partners like Air Liquide, who are also investing in innovative and cutting-edge technologies, strengthens our innovative capacity,” stated site manager Andreas Freutsmiedl. “As a renowned training center for all our partners, the OQ Ruhrchemie site contributes to the development of skilled workers in the region. Additionally, as a major supplier, we actively contribute to the district heating supply in Oberhausen. These factors position the OQ Ruhrchemie site as a preferred location for chemical companies seeking first-class conditions for their production,” he added.

#### **About OQ Chemicals**

OQ Chemicals (formerly Oxea) is a global manufacturer of Oxo Intermediates and Oxo Performance Chemicals such as alcohols, polyols, carboxylic acids, specialty esters, and amines. These are used to produce high-quality coatings, lubricants, cosmetic and pharmaceutical products, flavors and fragrances, printing inks, and plastics. OQ Chemicals employs more than 1,400 people worldwide and markets its chemicals in more than 60 countries. The company is part of OQ, an integrated energy company originating in Oman. More information is available at [chemicals.oq.com](https://chemicals.oq.com).

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