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### Evonik and Duisburger Hafen: Joint venture for the development of Evonik's Lülldorf location

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Evonik Industries AG and Duisburger Hafen AG (duisport) are preparing to establish a jointly controlled company for the future development of Evonik's Lülldorf location. The 50:50 joint venture will continue to develop the premises that are available at the Lülldorf site, and further optimize the existing on-site logistics. It is expected to be created still in 2015. Thomas Wessel, Chief Human Resources Officer of Evonik Industries AG, and Erich Staake, Chief Executive Officer of Duisburger Hafen AG, already signed the corresponding agreement in Duisburg on 19 March 2015.

"The joint venture is designed to provide incentives for other companies to set up operations at Evonik's Lülldorf site. This would create new workplaces and make a sustained contribution to the development of the North Rhine–Westphalia growth region," explains Wessel.

Evonik and duisport can already look back on a long-standing and successful partnership. At the Marl chemical park, they have been joint shareholders of Umschlag Terminal Marl GmbH & Co. KG since 2006. This company operates the container terminal for combined rail traffic at that location.

The new joint venture between Evonik and duisport in Lülldorf will go hand in hand with the strategic collaboration that the two partners established last year. duisport has considerable logistics know-how in land development as well as port and rail handling. Through the joint venture, this expertise will be combined with Evonik's existing logistics competencies at the Lülldorf site.

"The competitive advantage of the North Rhine–Westphalia region lies in the close linkages between industry and logistics. With the joint development of the Lülldorf site, we are bundling our know-how, which enables us to realize considerable value-added potentials in the region," emphasizes Erich Staake.

Evonik has approximately 500 employees at the Lülldorf site, where it operates facilities to produce inorganic and organic chemicals, such as alkoxides used in the production of bio-diesel. Approximately 50 hectares of the area available at the

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Lülsdorf site will now be marketed to attract production and logistics companies to this location.

Due to its location on the right side of the Rhine between Cologne and Bonn, the site offers optimum conditions for companies that specialize in both general and chemical-specific logistics, and also offers important infrastructure facilities such as a shipping pier, pipelines and a connection to the rail network. The jointly controlled company and newly added industry companies will also be able to utilize the existing commercial logistics. In addition to the existing commercial port, commercial rail operations, incoming and outgoing goods processing and a hazardous material warehouse, there are also plans to build a trimodal container terminal. It would offer flexibility in loading containers on trucks, rail or ship and vice versa.

### **About Evonik Industries AG:**

Evonik, the creative industrial group from Germany, is one of the world's leading companies in specialty chemicals. The company's business strategy is focused on generating profitable growth and increasing the company's value in the long term. The group's activities concentrate on the important mega trends health, nutrition, resource efficiency and globalization. Evonik benefits in particular from its innovative power and integrated technology platforms.

Evonik is active in more than 100 countries. More than 33,400 employees generated sales revenues of EUR 12.9 billion and an operating result (adjusted EBITDA) of EUR 1.9 billion in the 2014 business year.

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### **About Duisburger Hafen AG**

Duisburger Hafen AG owns and manages the Port of Duisburg, the world's largest inland port. For this port and logistics location, the duisport Group offers full service packages in the area of infra- and suprastructure, including relocation management. In addition, the subsidiaries also provide logistics services, such as the development and optimization of transport and logistics chains, rail freight services, building management and packaging logistics.

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