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Umicore announces plans to consolidate automotive catalyst production in Germany and expand activities in Poland

Umicore today announced plans to consolidate its German production of automotive catalysts at one dedicated facility. The Company currently operates two automotive catalyst production facilities in Germany – one in Rheinfelden (Baden-Württemberg) and a newer facility in Bad Säckingen some 15 km away. The intention is to transfer the production at the Rheinfelden plant to Bad Säckingen over a period of three years.

The Bad Säckingen site offers specific advantages with regards to its ability to cater for future growth. The proximity of the two plants means that part of the 300 employees currently employed at the Rheinfelden plant will be eligible to transfer to the expanded Bad Säckingen facility.

Umicore also intends to increase production capacity at its newly-commissioned Nowa Ruda plant in Poland. The introduction of new emission regulations in Europe requires a broader range of ever more technologically advanced products such as gasoline particulate filters (GPF), lean NO_x traps, selective catalytic reduction (SCR) and advanced three-way catalysts (TWC). The adapted and expanded production configuration in Germany and Poland will support Umicore in meeting this demand in the optimum way.

Within the next three years Umicore's automotive catalyst production footprint in Europe is therefore expected to consist of three plants focused on emission control in light duty vehicles (Bad Säckingen, Germany; Nowa Ruda, Poland; Karlskoga, Sweden) as well as a dedicated operation in Florange, France, for catalysts mainly used in heavy duty diesel vehicles.

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Umicore profile

Umicore is a global materials technology and recycling group. It focuses on application areas where its expertise in materials science, chemistry and metallurgy makes a real difference. Its activities are organized in three business groups: Catalysis, Energy & Surface Technologies and Recycling. Each business group is divided into market-focused business units offering materials and solutions that are at the cutting edge of new technological developments and essential to everyday life.

Umicore generates the majority of its revenues and dedicates most of its R&D efforts to clean technologies, such as emission control catalysts, materials for rechargeable batteries and recycling. Umicore's overriding goal of sustainable value creation is based on an ambition to develop, produce and recycle materials in a way that fulfils its mission: materials for a better life.

The Umicore Group has industrial operations on all continents and serves a global customer base; it generated a turnover of € 10.4 billion (€ 2.6 billion excluding metal) in 2015 and currently employs 10,400 people.