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Chemical distributor OQEMA opens new laboratory with competence centre in Cologne

- **The OQEMA Group strengthens its service offering with state-of-the-art laboratory across 120 sq. m**
- **The affiliated competence centre is designed for technical training, customer seminars and conferences**

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The OQEMA Group is strengthening its service offering with a new laboratory for product development in Cologne. The state-of-the-art laboratory is focused on our existing surface technology business in Germany, whilst also developing our business further in industrial applications, with an initial focus on our paints and coatings, construction and lubricants business across the European OQEMA Group.

Our customers benefit from a wide range of services relating to product development and application. We assist our customers and suppliers with technical support and develop new products according to the individual requirements of our customers.

James Berwick, Group Director Specialities: 'The new OQEMA laboratory and competence centre in Cologne will enhance the ability of the European specialities business to refine further our customer and supplier propositions.'

The large competence centre for training and conferences is attached to the laboratory. Winfried Pitzko, Managing Director of OQEMA Cologne, is pleased about the new opportunities the location offers to customers and suppliers: 'Our focus is the development of effective and innovative products that fit the needs of our customers. The new competence centre gives us the opportunity to collaborate even more closely with our customers and suppliers: it is designed for customer seminars and supplier workshops with practical application demonstrations, as well as training for our employees.'



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About OQEMA

The OQEMA Group, formerly Overlack, is one of the five largest chemical distributors in Germany and one of the top ten in Europe. Almost 1,100 employees currently work for OQEMA at 40 locations in 20 countries. At the interface between chemicals manufacturers and chemical-processing industries, the OQEMA Group provides pan-European services along the supply chains, ranging from procurement, product development and individual mixing to logistics and recycling. The Group has specific expertise in the technical and regulatory support of its customers. OQEMA is also the exclusive distribution partner of various renowned producers. OQEMA customers across Europe include around 30,000 companies from highly diverse sectors such as the life sciences, technical applications and environmental, as well as industries such as paints & coatings, pharmaceuticals & cosmetics, and feed & food. OQEMA offers a highly dynamic and continuously expanding product portfolio of more than 14,000 products.

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