

Press release

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Investment in recycling and sustainability: “Sorting 4.0”

ALBA Group builds new production plant for recyclable materials at Chemiepark Marl

- +++ The latest generation of plant combines many years of expertise with state-of-the-art technology
- +++ Building starts in autumn 2017 / Commissioning at the beginning of 2019

Berlin. The ALBA Group, one of the world's leading recycling services and raw materials providers, is investing in a new production plant for recyclable materials in North Rhine-Westphalia. The new plant is being built on a roughly 55,000 square metre area of land in the south of the Chemiepark Marl (Marl Chemical Park) and combines state-of-the-art digital technology (“Sorting 4.0”) with the ALBA Group's almost 50 years of expertise.

The new plant will process lightweight packaging waste from roughly 6.4 million people, meaning about 200,000 tonnes in total per year. At the end of the process chain are materials with the highest level of purity that are made available to industry and replace raw materials from primary sources that are running low. “With our new plant we are not just a leader in terms of sorting technology in Germany and Europe,” says **Dr Axel Schweitzer, CEO of ALBA Group**. “We are also well equipped to achieve the high-volume requirements of the new Packaging Act in Germany. With our investment we are clearly positioning ourselves for our German domestic market and a future of raw materials efficiency in Europe.”

“We are proud that we have been able to attract another internationally renowned company for our park with the ALBA Group”, says Dr Jörg Harren, **Site Manager of Chemiepark Marl**. “With this we are not just expanding the varied range that we offer but we will also be a flagship project in terms of recycling and sustainability. This makes our location more attractive.”

The construction of the plant in Marl, which begins this year in the autumn, has an investment volume of over EUR 60 million and will be completed in a four-shift system. The commissioning of the plant is planned for the beginning of 2019.

About Chemiepark Marl:

Chemiepark Marl is one of the largest chemical sites in Germany. It covers an area of more than six square kilometres and is home to ultramodern infrastructure typical of the chemical industry. In addition to Evonik, its subsidiaries, and its affiliates, twelve other companies have operations in the Chemical Park. The roughly 100 production plants are linked in a tightly integrated material and energy network and are, for the most part, operated around the clock.

About ALBA Group:

With its two brands – ALBA and Interseroh – and a total of about 7,500 employees ALBA Group operates within Germany, Europe and Asia. With an annual turnover of approx. 1.8 billion Euros (2016) ALBA Group is one of the leading recycling and environmental services companies as well as raw material providers worldwide. In 2016 alone ALBA Group saved almost 4.3 million tonnes of greenhouse gases compared to primary production and at the same time about 36.2 million tonnes of primary raw materials through its recycling activities.

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