

## Press Release

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### **Brenntag celebrates official hand-over of the keys to its new company headquarters in Essen**

Brenntag, the global market leader in chemical distribution, celebrates the official hand-over of the keys to its new company headquarters in Essen today, together with the owner Rück Immobilien, Mrs Ute Kröger-Rück. Employees are scheduled to move into the new building in Essen-Rüttenscheid - named the "House of Elements" - in mid-November.

"The new building provided Brenntag with an opportunity to design the House of Elements according to its own requirements. We've made good use of this: the result is a representative, forward-looking and sustainable company headquarters that offers our employees an attractive, modern working environment. We'll continue to successfully advance our company's development in this shared location," says Steve Holland, Chief Executive Officer of Brenntag AG. "The excellent, close collaboration of all those involved in the project has enabled it to be implemented on schedule. My special thanks go to everyone involved."

The six-storey House of Elements in Essen's Gruga Carree is the headquarters of Brenntag AG, Brenntag Holding GmbH and Brenntag GmbH. With a gross floor area of around 20,700 square meters, it can accommodate up to 650 employees. The integrated underground car park has 246 spaces. The building has a comb-shaped floor plan with a central area and four sections arranged at right angles. The entrance on the corner of Messeallee/Straßburger Straße has been extended to include a double-height lobby. As well as a conference zone and an employee restaurant, the ground floor also houses the Life Science Application Centre, equipped to the latest standards, where Brenntag develops and tests food and cosmetics applications.

The House of Elements has been built in accordance with the sustainability criteria of the LEED Gold Standard (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). The certification considers the building's features with regard to energy

and resource-efficiency, indoor climate and pollutant emissions, as well as its links to local public transport.

"In Essen, we've found an attractive economic location and a network of numerous world-class international companies, in which Brenntag is very much at home. We're looking forward to this new chapter in our corporate history," says Steve Holland.

**About Brenntag:**

Brenntag, the global market leader in chemical distribution, covers all major markets with its extensive product and service portfolio. Headquartered in Mülheim an der Ruhr, Germany, the company operates a global network with more than 550 locations in 74 countries. In 2016, the company, which has a global workforce of around 15,000 employees, generated sales of EUR 10.5 billion (USD 11.6 billion). Brenntag connects chemical manufacturers and chemical users. The company supports its customers and suppliers with tailor-made distribution solutions for industrial and specialty chemicals. With over 10,000 products and a world-class supplier base, Brenntag offers one-stop-shop solutions to around 185,000 customers. This includes specific application technology, an extensive technical support and value-added services such as just-in-time delivery, product mixing, formulation, repackaging, inventory management and drum return handling. Long-standing experience and local excellence in the individual countries characterize the global market leader for chemical distribution.

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