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clusters in northwestern Europe”

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As one of Europe's leading suppliers of chemical products and services, the Netherlands boasts more than 400 top chemical companies across the entire supply chain.

Moreover, one of the largest chemical clusters in northwestern Europe is located in Zeeland, where the entire industry sector employs nearly 25,000 people, many of them for the chemical industry and others for maintenance companies or for maintenance services. That is why the port and industrial areas in Vlissingen and Terneuzen are the engine behind the Zeeland economy.

Major players in the worldwide chemicals industry, such as Dow, Yara and ICL-IP, benefit from the strategic location, superior logistics infrastructure and the many synergies created here.

These assets make the Netherlands a smart choice for chemical companies looking to expand or accelerate their business operations.

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Exclusive opportunities for industrial symbioses through Smart Delta Resources

In the Netherlands, innovation, smart symbiotic solutions and environmental gain have resulted in the establishment of a unique, collaborative platform: Smart Delta Resources (SDR). This groundbreaking alliance, in a promising and economically thriving region, provides an innovative breeding ground for the sustainable development of the region, towards 2050 and beyond.

The Dutch-Belgian 'Delta region' includes the provinces of Zeeland, North-Brabant and Flanders. The Smart Delta Resources platform, established by leading industrial partners, currently consists of 11 international, energy- and resource-intensive industrial organizations, such as Cargill, Sabc, Lamb Weston/Meyer, and Dow. Through pro-active collaboration, they aim to effectively reduce their environmental footprint and further their economic advancement through Industrial Symbiosis.

Business locations that offer room to grow

Besides the multiple prime locations available in the Vlissingen and Terneuzen port area, these business parks are particularly interesting for companies in the chemical and process industry:

Valuepark Terneuzen

The Valuepark (140 hectares in total) is directed at companies that have a clear added value for the chemical industry. The convenient location is attractive for businesses: the park has direct rail connections, road networks and international waterways. In addition, the park is by means of a pipe bundle connected to Dow.

Maintenance Valuepark

The Maintenance Valuepark (MVP) focuses on developing, researching and disseminating knowledge and services aimed at the maintenance function in the process industry.

The MVP includes a:

- Knowledge and Innovation Centre
- Learning environment
- Business park of 10 hectares in the Terneuzen port area

One man's waste is another man's treasure

In short, SDR identifies opportunities for industrial symbiosis, based on the principle: one man's waste is another man's treasure. By actively identifying, communicating, and matching which residual products are available and which feedstock resources are needed, leading industrial partners collaborate to exchange materials and optimize residual flows. In doing so, they decrease their environmental footprint by reducing CO₂ emissions in addition to realizing economic benefits. Through collaboration, these multinational companies also share and exchange knowledge, collectively working towards innovative solutions that benefit the future of industry.

New collaboration opportunities

Beyond existing symbiosis options, SDR also takes the lead in the regional agenda for Industrial CO₂ transition. With its regional expertise, SDR is actively on the look-out for new collaboration opportunities, while developing the necessary infrastructure to strengthen and ready the regional industry for transition.



Facts & figures

30-40%

of Europe's chemical production is located in the ARRA-cluster (The Netherlands, Flanders, North Rhine-Westphalia, Rhineland-Palatinate)

45,000 people

are employed by the Dutch chemical industry

25,000 people

in Zeeland are working in the industry
A large part of these 25,000 people are employed by the chemical sector in Zeeland

The Multi Utility Provider: Connecting industries in the Terneuzen region through one underground pipeline network for the supply of basic raw materials and waste streams from different industries.

"The Valuepark Terneuzen is the ideal location for chemical production and distribution"



"We chose Zeeland for its ideal location: it has direct access to the sea and mainland Europe. Consequently, we are also located in one of the largest chemical clusters of Western Europe"

ANTON VAN BEEK,
DOW BENELUX



"As an international investor, Musim Mas, headquartered in Singapore, has been able to make good use of the intermediary role of Invest in Zeeland. The best way to describe this role is to compare it with a GPS: via the shortest route and without loss of time, Invest in Zeeland has always been able bring us into contact with local authorities and decision makers. As a result, an international investor feels welcome in the Netherlands."

FRANK BREUGELMANS,
MUSIM MAS

Leading companies

- Largest production facility of DOW Chemical outside the USA
- Strong fertilizer cluster with companies like Yara, Rosier and Plantacote
- Strong petrochemical cluster:
- Zeeland Refinery (a Total and Lukoil company), Vopak and Oiltanking
- Production of specialties/performance chemicals: Eastman and ICL-IP
- Specialized Plastics cluster: Allplast, Hazacom, Prince Kunststof, Multika, Nestaan, Plasticentrum, RKT
- Synergies with companies in other sectors such as agrifood companies Cargill and Lamb Weston Meijer



The advantages of doing business in Zeeland

Zeeland is home to one of the Netherlands main ports, with direct access to the North Sea and strategically located between the ports of Rotterdam and Antwerp.

Zeeland is highly industrialized and is home to one of the largest chemical clusters in Northwestern Europe. Major players in the worldwide chemicals industry, agrifood and offshore industry benefit from the central location, superior logistics infrastructure, relatively low costs for companies, a competitive fiscal climate, reliable and business friendly authorities, the many synergies created here and the favorable living-and-working conditions.

Zeeland offers room for entrepreneurship in a personal, relatively small-scale environment. This allows us to act fast and offer tailor-made advice so you can get started quickly.

Let us guide you

Invest in Zeeland supports companies that are interested in establishing or expanding their business in the Dutch province of Zeeland. Benefit from our knowledge and contacts, free of charge and on a confidential basis. This can involve anything from establishing your business in Zeeland to finding talent and the introduction to public-private partnerships.

Invest in Zeeland is part of the regional development agency NV Economische Impuls Zeeland (Impuls). At home and abroad, Impuls works together with authorities, knowledge institutes, companies and numerous other partner organizations in order to strengthen businesses in Zeeland.

Invest in Zeeland is a partner in the Invest in Holland network: a collaborative team of the Netherlands Foreign Investment Agency, regional economic development agencies and several large cities.

We can help you with:

- Building a network in Zeeland
- Fact Finding Trip
- Financing
- Finding Talent
- Incentives & taxes
- Legal and tax affairs
- Licensing procedures
- Market Research
- Setting up your company in Zeeland
- Expanding your company in Zeeland
- Selection of business locations



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