

## **Brenntag and HOCHTIEF Projektentwicklung hold topping-out ceremony in Essen**

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Brenntag, the global market leader in chemical distribution, is holding the topping-out ceremony for its new company headquarters today together with project development company HOCHTIEF Projektentwicklung, recognising the completion of the major building phase. Brenntag is to move into the newly built "House of Elements" in Essen-Rüttenscheid in the second half of 2017.

Located in the Gruga Carree in Essen, the six-story building will be in line with the sustainability criteria of the "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design" (LEED) Gold Standard. The building is being constructed on a comb-shaped ground plan with a main section and four adjoining sections set at right angles – the upper floors are accessed by four staircase cores with two elevators each. The first floor will be expanded into a double-height lobby at the intersection of Messeallee and Strassburger Strasse and a conference zone and employee restaurant built on the same level. The company-owned below-grade parking garage will house up to 246 cars. The building, which has a gross floor area of around 20,700 square meters, will provide office space for some 650 employees in future.

### **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 530 locations in 74 countries. In 2015, the company, which has a global workforce of more than 14,000 employees, generated sales of EUR 10.3 billion (USD 11.5 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 180,000 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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