
Wacker Biosolutions, a German leader company, sets up in León after reaching a strategic agreement with Antibióticos de León

The German Multinational Corporation plans to invest 30 million euro in the Spanish Factory and create 35 new jobs

Thanks to the agreement with Wacker Biosolutions, Antibióticos de León guarantees its future to keep growing in the field of fermentation in León

Wacker Biosolutions and Antibióticos de León have signed an agreement by which the German chemical company will acquire part of the Spanish company's biotechnological manufacturing capacity. León will be home of one of the most important bio-pharma hubs in Spain with the incorporation of Wacker Biosolutions. Wacker Chemie reaches its goal of establishing its subsidiary in Spain to continue its expansion in the field of biotechnology, where it will manufacture cysteine by fermentation for use in alimentary as well as pharmaceutical products.

"This investment and strategic agreement is a milestone to strengthen our position in the global market of cysteine obtained by fermentation", explains the member of the Executive Board Auguste Willems, detailing that the cooperation will allow the group to satisfy the ever-increasing global demand of this aminoacid and market new fermentations in the following years.

Antibióticos de León, which has 3 million liters capacity for biological fermentation projects, both pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical, will provide Wacker Biosolutions with a manufacturing line of 800 thousand liters of fermentation capacity.

According to Juan Molins, General Manager of Antibióticos de León, "This agreement is an expression of confidence in our strategic project of the Spanish company that started two years ago to transforming the previous Leon manufacturing site into a multidisciplinary factory", and adds "This is the first agreement of the several projects that we are developing with different partners from all across the globe, that will allow AdL to use its installed capacity at the maximum level".

Ramón Betolaza, managing partner of Black Toro Capital, majority shareholder of AdL, says "This strategic agreement with a renowned partner as is Wacker in the bio-pharma market, confirms the recovery and the consolidation of AdL as benchmark bio-pharma production plant in the South of Europe, and ensure its future and growth in León.

Wacker Chemie currently runs 25 manufacturing plants in Europe, America and Asia, producing rubber silicone, biopolymers, chemical products and wafers for the electronical industry and selling its products in over 100 worldwide. Wacker will invest a total amount of EUR30 million in the revamping of the current facilities and adding new production and recovery equipment's in León site, creating 35 new jobs in the Leon plant after the investment.

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