

# Press release



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As Europe's second-largest port, the Port of Antwerp is a major lifeline for the Belgian economy: more than 300 line services to over 800 destinations ensure global connectivity. The Port of Antwerp annually handles around 235 million tonnes of international maritime freight, and is home to Europe's largest integrated (petro)chemical cluster. The Port of Antwerp accounts, directly and indirectly, for a total of around 143,000 jobs and more than €20 billion added value.

True to its mission 'a home port vital for a sustainable future', Antwerp Port Authority aims to flexibly respond to a rapidly evolving maritime market, allowing the port to continue playing its role as a leading world port. The emphasis in this respect is on cooperation, adaptability, a strong focus on innovation and digitisation, and on sustainable added value, as well as on responsibility towards society.

Antwerp Port Authority is a limited liability company of public law, with the City of Antwerp as sole shareholder. It employs over 1,500 people. Port alderman Annick De Ridder is chairman of the Board of Directors and Jacques Vandermeiren is CEO and President of the Executive Committee, which is responsible for the day-to-day management.

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At BASF, we create chemistry for a sustainable future. We combine economic success with environmental protection and social responsibility. More than 117,000 employees in the BASF Group work on contributing to the success of our customers in nearly all sectors and almost every country in the world. Our portfolio is organized into six segments: Chemicals, Materials, Industrial Solutions, Surface Technologies, Nutrition & Care and Agricultural Solutions. BASF generated sales of €59 billion in 2019. BASF shares are traded on the stock exchange in Frankfurt (BAS) and as American Depositary Receipts (BASFY) in the U.S. Further information at [www.basf.com](http://www.basf.com).



Air Liquide in Benelux comprises subsidiaries active in the production, distribution, and sale of industrial and medical gases, technologies and services of the Air Liquide Group through three of its sectors of activity: Large Industries, Industrial Merchant and Electronics.

Founded in Belgium in 1906 and in the Netherlands in 1913 and in Luxembourg in 1931, Air Liquide currently operates 27 industrial sites throughout the Benelux. The Group currently employs approximately 1,200 people in this region, all activities taken together, and it supplies more than 65,000 customers and patients. Air Liquide in Benelux also operates the largest pipeline network in Europe, stretching 2,250 kilometers, which supplies the industrial basins from Mons to Rotterdam.



Total is a broad-energy company that produces and markets fuels, natural gas and low-carbon electricity. Our 100,000 employees are committed to better energy that is safer, more affordable, cleaner and accessible to as many people as possible. Active in more than 130 countries, our ambition is to become the responsible energy major.



Borealis is a leading provider of innovative solutions in the fields of polyolefins, base chemicals and fertilizers. With its head office in Vienna, Austria, the company currently has more than 6,900 employees and operates in over 120 countries. Borealis generated EUR 8.1 billion in sales revenue and a net profit of EUR 872 million in 2019. Mubadala, through its holding company, owns 64% of the company, with the remaining 36% belonging to Austria-based OMV, an integrated, international oil and gas company. Borealis provides services and products to customers globally, in collaboration with Borouge, a joint venture with the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) and with Baystar™, a joint venture with Total in Texas, USA. [www.borealisgroup.com](http://www.borealisgroup.com)



Headquartered in Belgium, Fluxys is a fully independent gas infrastructure group with 1,200 employees active in gas transmission & storage and liquefied natural gas terminalling. Through its associated companies across Europe Fluxys operates 7,600 kilometers of pipeline and liquefied natural gas terminals totalling a yearly throughput capacity of 29 billion cubic meters. Among Fluxys' subsidiaries is Euronext listed Fluxys Belgium, owner and operator of the infrastructure for gas transmission & storage and liquefied natural gas terminalling in Belgium.

As a purpose-led company Fluxys together with all its stakeholders contributes to a better society by shaping a bright energy future. Building on the unique assets of gas infrastructure and its commercial and technical expertise, Fluxys is committed to accommodate hydrogen, biomethane or any other carbon-neutral energy carrier of the future.



INEOS is a global manufacturer of petrochemicals, specialty chemicals and oil products. In 20 years, the Company has grown into a global player: its production network spans 183 sites in 26 countries throughout the world.

From Zwijndrecht, where INEOS started its first activities in 1998, INEOS expanded its position in Belgium with 9 production sites and R&D centres in Antwerp, Jemeppe and Neder-Over-Heembeek. Today, INEOS has 2,500 employees in the region. In early 2019, INEOS announced a mega investment in Antwerp: the construction of an ethylene and propane plant for the production of ethylene and propylene. It is the largest investment in European chemistry in the last 20 years, which will create around 450 jobs. [www.ineos.com](http://www.ineos.com)

**ExxonMobil**

In addition to the Antwerp refinery, ExxonMobil Petroleum & Chemical BV has chemical plants and branches at various other locations. The company supplies the market with fuels and lubricants under the Esso and Mobil brands. The refinery in Antwerp has a production capacity of approximately 320,000 barrels per day and has been in operation since 1953. In Belgium, 2,200 people work for ExxonMobil. ExxonMobil spends about 1.3 billion euros a year on goods and services at large and small Belgian companies.