



IDT Biologika is increasing its production capacity of vaccines Saxony-Anhalt's Prime Minister Reiner Haseloff visited the new facilities

Dessau-Rosslau (Germany), January 20, 2022 – IDT Biologika, a leading, German-based contract development and manufacturing organization (CDMO) specialized in vaccines, gene and immune therapy as well as oncolytic viruses, is increasing its production capacity.

On this occasion, Prime Minister Dr. Reiner Haseloff visited the pharmaceutical company, inspecting the new high-speed filling line and the premises for future drug substance manufacturing.

"The global pandemic has brought IDT Biologika more into the public spotlight. The vaccine producer from Saxony-Anhalt has a central role to play in combating the pandemic," emphasized Prime Minister Dr. Reiner Haseloff.

Haseloff continued: "The pharmaceutical and vaccine industry is a strong economic factor in our state. A long tradition, close links between research and production, and high-performance clusters are what make the location so successful. We want to further expand and push the cooperation between science and industry - of which IDT Biologika is an example - in the interest of Saxony-Anhalt as a science location."

Sustainable investments for the future

The EUR 100 million investment in the expansion is part of a multi-year program to increase manufacturing capacity and capabilities to meet the growing global demand for vaccines and biopharmaceuticals and make an important contribution to safe healthcare.

The investment will create approximately 350 new jobs from 2020 to 2022, as well as space for drug substance manufacturing, aseptic liquid filling, packaging capabilities and automated visual inspection.

The new multifunctional building will be equipped with four 2,000-liter bioreactors. This makes it suitable for high-volume, commercial drug substance production and ensures great flexibility for upstream and downstream processes. The modular design and use of the existing infrastructure will also enable future expansion in the area of active ingredient production by adding two more units with bioreactors. Parallel to this, the new high-speed filling line, the fastest line currently available on the market, was installed in the adjacent building this week.

The new production units will be used to manufacture vaccines and biopharmaceuticals. They will go into operation at the beginning of 2023.



"As the need for development and manufacturing capacity for vaccines and advanced therapies grows, we will continue to invest in these technologies and highly skilled personnel to support our partners in bringing these vital medicines to market," said Dr. Jürgen Betzing, CEO of IDT Biologika. "With the continued growth of our site, we are making a very vital contribution to Saxony-Anhalt's competitiveness in the biotechnology industry. Moreover, we are creating permanent jobs in the region," Betzing continued.

Innovation through the linking of science and production

The close networking of companies and research institutions and the promotion of the transfer of the knowledge gained in the process forms another central prerequisite of innovation.

For example, IDT Biologika is working with the German Center for Infection Research (DZIF) to develop its own COVID vaccine. IDT Biologika has gained extensive scientific and technological knowledge in recent months thanks to the research project.

"Through the collaboration with the DZIF scientists, we have gained significant knowledge in terms of development and manufacturing technology. Based on this, we could find answers to future pandemics much faster and, above all, move into commercial production of vaccines even faster. The research project demonstrates very impressively that innovation is created by linking research and application," summarized Dr. Simone Kardinahl, Senior Vice President Development.

Dr. Jürgen Betzing added: "We carry this knowledge from Saxony-Anhalt into the world. We can be proud that, in collaboration with the scientific institutions of the DZIF, we have developed a functioning platform that makes it possible to produce a vaccine in a short time in the event of a pandemic."

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About IDT Biologika

IDT Biologika is an innovative biotech company with a successful history dating back 100 years. On the basis of modern technologies and high levels of expertise, IDT supports customers in the development and manufacture of innovative virus vaccines, gene and immune therapy products as well as biologics employed worldwide as protection against diseases. IDT Biologika employs approximately 1,650 people. German sites are the BioPharmaPark in Dessau-Roßlau and Magdeburg. In the US, the IDT Corporation has a manufacturing site for clinical test samples in Rockville, Maryland.



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