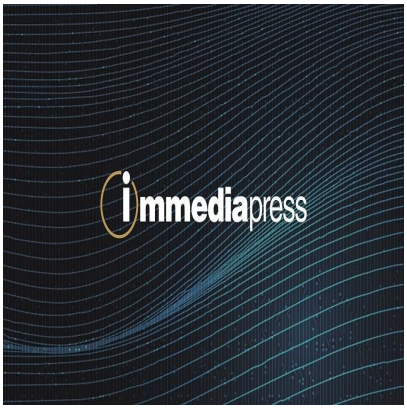


Evonik invests US$100 million to upgrade its U.S. drug substance contract manufacturing site

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ESSEN, Germany, July 8, 2026 /PRNewswire/ â?? Evonik is making a significant investment to strengthen manufacturing capabilities at its Lafayette (Tippecanoe), Indiana facility. Over the next five years, the company will invest US$100 million to modernize key equipment â?? including 100 mÂ³ reactors and other critical systems â?? enhancing reliability, enabling greater automation, and improving ergonomics and efficiency. This investment is supported by local government and positions Evonik to meet the rapidly growing demand for U.S.-based drug substance CDMO services.

â??Strengthening our U.S. drug substance business is a strategic necessity. With demand surging, Tippecanoe plays a pivotal role in creating a more resilient and globally balanced asset footprint,â?• said Guido Skudlarek, head of the Health Care business line at Evonik.

Evonik is balancing its global assets footprint across North America, Europe, and Asia, with a strategic emphasis on North America for its Drug Substance CDMO business. Evonikâ??s Tippecanoe site is a cornerstone of the companyâ??s global CDMO network for small-molecule drug substances. The modernization at the Tippecanoe site is an investment into Next Generation Technologies which help preserve technology leadership and enhance energy-efficient processes. This investment into smart preservation CAPEX is a growth driver for the long run, strengthening cost leadership, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions, following Evonikâ??s strict CAPEX guiding principles.

Geopolitical uncertainties have underscored the importance of Western-based production for critical drug substances and delivery technologies. Moreover, modern therapeutic goals require increasingly complex molecules that are more challenging to manufacture. Evonik already supports complex synthesis but with rising molecular complexity, investment is needed to maintain and expand these capabilities.

â??API complexity continues to rise, and this investment empowers us to work with our customers on even more challenging molecules for critical indications such as cancer, metabolic and cardiovascular diseases,â?• said Daniel Fricker, head of the Drug Substance product line at Evonik Health Care.

Evonikâ??s Tippecanoe site is the companyâ??s second-largest U.S. site and one of the worldâ??s largest API facilities. It is home to the industryâ??s biggest high-potency API (HPAPI) operation with 170 mÂ³ of dedicated capacity and advanced containment systems (OEL down to 0.1 Î¼g/mÂ³). The site also offers 860 mÂ³ of reactor capacity for general APIs, 2,500 mÂ³ for large-scale fermentation, and a technology portfolio spanning 10 advanced platforms. Acquired from Eli Lilly in 2010, Tippecanoe has evolved into a multi-customer CDMO serving complex drug substance projects.

Further InformationLearn more about Evonikâ??s Drug Substance CDMO business: https://www.evonik.com/en/company/businesslines/hc/drug-substance.html

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Evonik goes beyond the boundaries of chemistry with its combination of innovative strength and leading technological expertise. The global chemical company, headquartered in Essen, Germany, is active in more than 100 countries and generated sales of â?¬14.1 billion and earnings (adjusted EBITDA) of â?¬1.9 billion in 2025. The common motivation of the approximately 31,000 employees: to provide customers with a decisive competitive advantage with tailor-made products and solutions as a superforce for industry, thereby improving peopleâ??s lives. In all markets. Every day.

About Custom Solutions

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