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Boehringer Ingelheim launched biomass power plant at its Ingelheim site in Germany

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Boehringer Ingelheim inaugurated a biomass power plant at its Ingelheim site to optimize its energy supply. At the same time, the power plant helps protect the environment by reducing CO2 emissions by around 50,000 tons each year. The CO_2 Â emissions of the site's own energy generation are reduced by 70%.

Company is investing EUR 205 million in sustainable infrastructure projects in Ingelheim and will be able to cover 95% of its energy requirements at the site from renewable sources in the future. The ceremonial inauguration was attended by the German Vice Chancellor and Federal Minister of Economics Robert Habeck and Rhineland-Palatinate Environment Minister Katrin Eder.

Boehringer Ingelheim's Vice Chairman of Managing Directors, Michael Schmelmer, described the commissioning as a "significant milestone" and explained the significance: "Part of our sustainability goals is to protect natural resources so that our earth remains a place worth living in for people and animals. With an environmentally friendly and more independent energy supply, we are ensuring stable production in order to be able to deliver medications for patients worldwide."

Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Action Robert Habeck said: "The decarbonization of all areas of our economy is necessary in order to achieve global climate targets on the one hand and a reduction in energy imports on the other. Boehringer Ingelheim is a good example of this. The company uses renewable energies for production. It trains and attracts talents as an attractive employer"

Measures to achieve CO2 neutrality by 2030

The company has set itself the goal of making its business operations CO_2 neutral by 2030. To this end, many individual projects are being implemented to save energy worldwide. By constructing more energy-efficient buildings, for example, the company has so far been able to save around 25% percent of its energy needs per square meter of floor space in Ingelheim.

In Ingelheim, the company has also been operating its own solar park since 2023. Biomass is an important source of renewable energy and is considered almost CO_2 neutral. The waste wood used as fuel in Ingelheim is a waste product. It comes from the Rhine-Main area and is controlled according to strict quality standards. Several other Boehringer Ingelheim sites are already certified as carbon neutral, for example in Dortmund (Germany), Gainesville (USA), Zhangjian (China) or Sant Cugat (Spain).