

Ministerial foreword from Rt. Hon. Nick Hurd MP, Minister of State for Climate Change and Industry and Co-chair of the Chemistry Growth Partnership

The chemical industry is hugely important to the UK, with a turnover in excess of £60 billion. As the Minister for Climate Change and Industry and co-chair of the Chemistry Growth Partnership I am extremely impressed with the breadth and depth of expertise that our UK chemical businesses offer.

I am pleased to endorse this comprehensive directory as a source of supplier information across our UK chemistry capability.

This directory supports the strategic objective of reshoring and building our UK Supply Chains. By promoting the wealth of capability here in the UK we can provide connectivity to other organisations in the supply chain, both domestically and overseas.

I commend this directory to you and I look forward to hearing about the continued success of the companies listed, and their continued contribution to the growth of the UK economy.

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Industry foreword from Steve Foots CGP co-chair and Chief Executive of Croda International plc.

The chemical industry is the bedrock of the manufacturing supply chain and an essential driver of the UK economy. It is the second largest manufacturing exporter from the UK and for every job created in the chemical industry, it is widely accepted that an average of seven further jobs are created in the associated supply chains.

The UK chemical industry, under the leadership of the Chemistry Growth Partnership (CGP), has set itself the ambitious goal of increasing the Gross Value Added of the UK chemical and chemistry-using industries by more than 50%, to £300 billion, by 2030.

In order to achieve this goal, the CGP is actively addressing three key themes:

- To secure competitive energy and feed stocks;
- To accelerate innovation;
- To rebuild UK chemistry supply chains and to attract additional foreign direct investment.

This work is underpinned by working groups devoted to the development of novel energy solutions, as well as the necessary skills for future technologies.

The CGP is engaged with many of the key chemistry-using industry sectors, such as automotive, pharmaceutical, home and personal care, and many other process industries. All of these sectors rely upon innovations coming from the chemical industry to enable them to develop technological solutions to the challenges they are facing.

The Supply Chains Working Group of the CGP places particular emphasis on supporting the development of small and medium enterprises, by promoting their capability and providing connectivity to other organisations in the supply chain, both domestically and overseas.

This directory will serve as an invaluable source of information for the diverse customer base which our sector supports. I look forward to further growth for our sector and enhancing UK competitiveness in the global market.

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