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"Research at Clariant – Innovation in Chemicals, Materials, Catalysis and Biotechnology"



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Place: Noyori Materials Science Laboratory

Clariant is an internationally active specialty chemical company, based in Muttenz near Basel, Switzerland. The group owns over 100 companies worldwide in more than 100 countries with 22 149 employees on December 31, 2011. In the financial year 2011, Clariant recorded a turnover of around US\$ 7.9 billion.

Clariant is divided into eleven business units: Additives; Catalysis & Energy; Emulsions, Detergents & Intermediates; Functional Materials; Industrial & Consumer Specialties; Leather Services; Masterbatches; Oil & Mining Services; Paper Specialties; Pigments; Textile Chemicals. Clariant focuses on creating value by investing in future profitable and sustainable growth, which is based on four strategic pillars: Improving profitability, innovation as well as research and development, dynamic growth in emerging markets, and optimizing the portfolio through complementary acquisitions or divestments.

Clariant's R&D Centers for Chemistry & Materials, Biotechnology, Catalysis and Process Technology frame the central platform to develop innovative products for today's and tomorrow's markets. Together with the world-wide network of Technical Centers of our Business Units we combine technology and application know-how to quickly respond to customer needs. About 9.500 patents safeguard our knowledge about products and methods. In 2011, the Group spent ca. US\$ 188 million on R&D, or about 2.4% of sales. Clariant employs approximately 1.100 people in R&D, primarily in Germany, France, Switzerland, Brazil, China, Japan and the US.

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