



Danisco in Dangé-Saint-Romain

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Danisco, one of the world's largest producers of value-adding ingredients for food and other industries

Headquartered in Copenhagen, Denmark, Danish food ingredient manufacturer Danisco employs 9,700 people in over 47 countries.

Danisco acquired the Rhodia Food production site in 2004 in Dangé-Saint-Romain (Poitou-Charentes region) after buying the food additive business.

A European research centre created south of Paris

Danisco recently announced the creation of a research centre near the town of Tours employing a total of 152 people.

In November 2007, Danisco began the construction of this R&D center for its fermentation media division situated beside its current production site for the agro-food industry.

Why choose France?

- ✓ The responsiveness of the national, regional, and local agencies with support when notified that France was in competition with another site. The agencies mobilized considerable efforts to help Danisco realize and finance the project;
- ✓ The reliable supply of leading-edge technological skills. France ranks sixth worldwide and second in Europe, behind Germany, for the number of researchers (230,000 full-time equivalent);
- ✓ The assurance of steady pool of present and future researchers with a keen desire to work in the industry due to the proximity of numerous universities;
- ✓ Convenient geographic access to the French market which includes 63.8 million consumers;
- ✓ The presence of a network of subcontractors and suppliers open to innovation;
- ✓ The high-quality transportation infrastructure: 11,000 km of highways, 27 airports of which 6 are international, a dense and efficient railway network thanks to the TGV, which surpassed its own speed record of 574.8 km.
- ✓ Danisco had pre-existing long-term partnerships with other companies in France.

Fabienne Saadane-Oaks, President of Danisco Fermentation Media Division, explains Danisco's continuing satisfaction:

" We already had a site at Dangé-Saint-Romain, with which we were entirely satisfied in terms of research activities. Moreover the Dangé site has a strong capacity to attract international research scientists for several reasons: proximity to a number of universities, ease of integration of expatriate families (educational system, particularly at Tours); quality of the transport system (TGV). "