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Within the biobased economy, few locations in the world have the same favourable location and advantages as West Holland. We hereby present 10 reasons to invest in the Biobased Industry in West Holland, a region which is known for its cluster of companies and research institutes with a strong reputation for knowledge and expertise in the field of industrial biotechnology. Your company could benefit from the ground-breaking research and successful innovations developed in extensive research programs in the Netherlands.

1. **LEADING IN BIOFUELS**
The Port of Rotterdam has a central position in the supply of biofuels throughout Europe. Rotterdam is home to Europe’s largest bio-chemical industrial cluster.

2. **FEEDSTOCK HUB**
Key position and strategic location for import of biomass, with excellent inland logistics.

3. **INCREASE YOUR RETURNS**
Joint utilities and residual flows from different sectors increase returns.

4. **WORLD CLASS KNOWLEDGE**
Delft University of Technology (TU Delft) performs research on fermentation, industrial biotechnology and the biobased economy. BE-Basic plays a key role in building the biobased economy through focus on the research fields needed for the transition to a biobased economy.

5. **ACCESS TO TALENT**
Courses on the latest knowledge in the field of biotechnology:
TESTING AND PILOTTING
Real-life testing ground and unique open access facilities. Your company can benefit by accelerating innovation and reducing costs through state-of-the-art shared pilot, research and demonstration facilities in the region, with key locations in Delft (Bioprocess Pilot Facility) and Rotterdam (Plant One).

HOTSPOTS
Top notch locations such as:
1. Port of Rotterdam
2. Maasvlakte 2 ‘Plug&Play’ – wide scope of possibilities for both small and large production
3. YES!Delft Labs
4. Biotech Campus Delft
5. Leiden Bio Science Park

FERTILE GROUND FOR BIOBASED SOLUTIONS

TRANSITION TO A BIOBASED ECONOMY

Biobased Delta: entrepreneurs, knowledge institutes and government agencies strengthen the front runner position of the region in the biobased economy.

"The biobased economy is expected to contribute € 20 billion. GDP annually within 10 years."
- Ministry of Economic Affairs

STRONG CHEMICAL SECTOR

- The Netherlands is home to 19 OF THE TOP 25 chemical companies worldwide
- Dutch chemical sector accounts for € 56 BILLION turnover/year
- Chemicals account for 17% of all Dutch exports
- 150 chemical companies in West Holland

LEADING COMPANIES

And many biobased startups
Gateway to Europe
Be part of the largest chemical cluster in the world which is increasingly investing in green and biobased chemicals.

InnovationQuarter is the Economic Development Agency for the West Holland region in the Netherlands. We provide free assistance and advice to international companies looking to locate in West Holland. In addition, we facilitate co-operation between companies, academic institutions and government. Moreover, InnovationQuarter funds innovative and fast-growing businesses.

West Holland offers you:
- A strategic location in the heart of Europe
- State-of-the-art business, research and incubation facilities
- Highly educated and multilingual workforce
- Excellent quality of life
- A competitive Dutch tax climate
- Advantageous tax incentives for R&D activities
- A dedicated foreign investments team, offering confidential, free of charge services to international companies

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