



WVT Group strengthens its European leadership in sustainable hygiene solutions with the acquisition of Cygyc Biocon

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WVT Group, a European specialist in multi-sector detergent and disinfection solutions, announces the acquisition of Cygyc Biocon, a Spanish, specialized multi-brand platform: an enzyme-centric, formulation specialist operating four focused brands across food & feed enzymes and professional detergents. This transaction marks WVT Group's second transformative acquisition since Siparex ETI and Sofindev became shareholders in 2025 and represents a key step in the group's international growth strategy.

Cygyc Biocon is a fast-growing Spanish platform combining specialty chemicals, probiotics, and enzymatic products. The company operates through a portfolio of four complementary brands covering the entire hygiene & bio solutions value chain, from specialty chemicals to enzymatic and probiotic solutions serving the detergent, disinfection, food and agricultural markets. With a presence in over 35 countries, Cygyc Biocon combines in-house R&D capabilities in enzyme development and formulation expertise, enabling the delivery of high-performance, sustainable solutions. The group has achieved consistent double-digit revenue growth, supported by strong client relationships and a well-balanced product portfolio.

Founded in 1996 by Ward Van Thielen, WVT Group is a pan-European leader in the development, production, and commercialisation of mission critical detergents and disinfectants. The company supports its clients across the industrial, maritime, food and professional hygiene as well as disinfection and biosecurity sectors by providing tailored, sustainable, and environmentally certified solutions. Headquartered in Antwerp, Belgium, WVT Group operates through subsidiaries in the Netherlands, Germany, France, Spain and Singapore, and serves customers worldwide through an extensive local distribution network. The WVT Group employs 180 people and has achieved strong growth over the years through both organic expansion and a series of strategic acquisitions, progressively broadening its expertise and reinforcing its market position.

This acquisition brings complementary expertise in enzyme technology and in-house R&D to WVT Group, expanding the group's product development capabilities across its core verticals. Beyond technology and market reach, Cygyc Biocon's balanced portfolio across chemicals, enzymes, and probiotics strengthens WVT's ability to offer comprehensive, sustainable hygiene solutions to its clients. The combined group's turnover will reach more than €100 million.

Following the acquisition of Roam Technology in 2025, this transaction marks the second acquisition by the group since Siparex and Sofindev became shareholders in WVT Group. It reflects the shared ambition to build a leading European platform in sustainable cleaning and disinfection solutions.

For Ward Van Thielen, Founder of WVT: *"This acquisition is a major step in WVT Group's development. Cygyc Biocon's expertise in enzyme technology and bio-solutions is a strong complement to what we*



have built over the past thirty years. Together, we will be able to offer our clients a broader and more innovative range of solutions, while accelerating our international expansion. Furthermore, CYGYC is a family-owned company, a quality reflected in the strong shared values and entrepreneurial DNA it shares with WVT Group.”

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