

# Foreword Sabic

Dear reader,

In 2002, SABIC was the first newcomer at the Chemelot industrial park, as a result of DSM's takeover of the petrochemical plants. Many companies followed after us, but we have always remained the largest occupant at the industrial park.

The size and technical state of your installations are not the only determining factors for the quality you strive for as a business. Quality is mainly determined by the level of the people in your organisation. In order to be able to control these chemical installations day and night, in-depth technical and technological knowledge is required. That knowledge is present in the heads of our operators, technologists, mechanical engineers, researchers and electricity engineers. Together, they provide a unified collaboration that enables the production processes to continue without interruptions - and that these are also improved where possible - and that our expensive installations remain in perfect technical condition. However, that knowledge is also in the heads of the staff employees and managers at our business office, who provide the financial, commercial and other support for our organisation.

In short: we need well-trained people. For all parts of our business. As a result, we love to stimulate the development of young engineering talent, which we help train and whom we can offer a challenging workplace with plenty of perspective after their education. In order to achieve this, we cooperate with the education institutes in the region and we already introduce students to the practice during their education. Knowledge is key. That's why we also challenge our own staff continuously, in order to increase their knowledge and to bring out the best in them. With solid ideas from your own organisation, new markets can be created. That way, we contribute to the development of the knowledge industry in South Limburg and to the set-up of Brainport 2020. I wish you a lot of reading pleasure with this unique book.

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