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## MatHolding celebrates the incorporation of the historic Quart de Poblet factory into its IQV division

- The MAT Holding group, specialising in solutions and technologies for the sustainable and efficient management of water and agriculture, strengthens its growth plan through IQV with the incorporation of the Quart de Poblet factory, acquired from Bayer.
- IQV (Industrias Químicas del Vallés) consolidates its position in the field of plant health and reinforces its commitment to the Valencia region, where it already operates a formulation and packaging plant in Cheste.
- The Mayor of Quart de Poblet, Cristina Mora, welcomes the company's commitment to employment and sustainability.

**Quart de Poblet, 17th June 2024.** – MatHolding has celebrated the incorporation of the historic Quart de Poblet plant into the group, following its acquisition from Bayer in a deal signed on 31 May. The event was attended by the Mayor of Quart de Poblet, Cristina Mora, and the Town Planning Councillor, Bartolomé Nofuentes, along with MAT Holding's Chairman, Pau Relat, and IQV's Managing Director, Jordi Crespi, as well as around one hundred people, including staff from Quart de Poblet and members of IQV Cheste, IQV Mollet, and MatHolding.

"At the Quart de Poblet Town Council, we promote relationships that go beyond the purely institutional, and we are grateful for the willingness of IQV and MatHolding to be part of this dynamic. We share common goals: employment, sustainability, proximity, and excellence. I am confident that this new commitment to the Valencian region, and specifically to Quart de Poblet, will prove highly fruitful," stated Mayor Mora.

The group's Chairman, Pau Relat, emphasised MatHolding's long-term vision and its commitment to transformation and leaving a legacy in strategic sectors such as agriculture, as well as in the regions in which it operates. Relat recalled the group's investment in 2004 with the acquisition of the Cheste plant, which has since doubled its workforce, and expressed the same intention to invest and grow in Quart de Poblet.

For his part, Jordi Crespi celebrated the integration of the Quart de Poblet plant as a milestone in IQV's growth, enabling the company to consolidate its position as a benchmark tolling specialist in southern Europe and to expand its production of biorational products. Crespi welcomed the 69 employees joining the MatHolding family, which now comprises over 1,200 people.

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The acquisition of the Quart de Poblet plant forms part of MatHolding's strategic growth plan, which includes investments of  $\leq 60$  million in 2024. These investments are aimed at strengthening the group's two global divisions: solutions and technologies for the sustainable and efficient management of water and agriculture. Under the leadership of Pau Relat, the group is thus tripling its investment pace of recent years, with the goal of reaching  $\leq 500$  million in turnover within five years and positioning itself as a global leader in sustainable agriculture and efficient water management solutions.

## About MatHolding and IQV

MatHolding is a global, family-owned industrial group dedicated to the development of solutions and technologies for the efficient and sustainable management of agriculture and water. With roots dating back to 1935, the group's businesses span from agricultural care — including IQV, specialising in plant health; Regaber, in professional irrigation; VEGGA, in digital crop and farm management; and TerraNostra, focused on the modernisation of agricultural estates — to the water cycle, with Aquestia, dedicated to fluid conveyance and control; STF, specialising in filtration; and Hidroglobal, which focuses on hydraulic projects. The group has a team of more than 1,200 employees located in over 15 countries, operates 10 production plants, and provides services on all five continents across more than 140 countries.

Founded in 1935, IQV is a global leader in plant health solutions based on copper salts. It operates production facilities in Mollet del Vallès (Barcelona) and in Cheste and Quart de Poblet (Valencia). The company is present in 70 countries across all five continents and has subsidiaries in Spain, Portugal, Italy, Turkey, Morocco, Chile, and El Salvador. More information: <u>http://iqvagro.com</u>.

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