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The Budenheim Germany premises have a total size of about 157,000 m² including the company-owned car parks. Approximately 47,000 m² of the overall site are covered with buildings like production facilities, warehouses, administrative buildings and social facilities. A surface of about 67,000 m² is partly or completely sealed by roads, walks and parking spaces.

In addition, there are more than 900 m² of vertical green space at the flood protection wall. Green spaces amount to some 43,000 m², corresponding to more than one quarter of the entire plant premises.

Furthermore, there are more green areas outside the plant premises, which are partly used for agriculture. In 2010 a former containment pit could be dismantled and the area amounting to approx. 1,000 m² was unsealed and planted.
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The green area around our administrative building is not only beautifully designed, it also expresses our corporate philosophy of sustainable business operations and was thus awarded ‘Garden of the Month’ in April 2010 by the federation of German landscape architects.

In 2015 the intensive cultivation of two meadows with an overall size of 4,000 m² was changed to extensive cultivation and seeds of indigene flowers and herbage were sowed. The near to nature cultivation of the two meadows is an active contribution of Budenheim to maintaining biodiversity by using the own factory premises.

Caring for Mother Earth – before and after
Some areas within the plant premises are so-called abandoned disposal areas designated in the “land register for abandoned disposal sites in Rhineland- Palatinate” of the State Office for Environment, Water Management and Trade Control. Between 1955 and 1975 for example, three areas were used by the city of Mainz to deposit construction waste and excavated soil.
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Thus, soil examinations are always carried out before any earthworks begin on these abandoned disposal areas. But that’s not all: if any unexpected old contamination turns up during earthworks, we take on the responsibility for its professional disposal. Possible resulting measures (utilisation or removal of the excavated soil) are implemented in agreement with the responsible authority. That way we do not only protect our soil but bit by bit even clean it from the unpleasant legacies of the past.

When it comes to the soil on which our plant has grown, we are obliged to do everything to avoid any form of contamination. For this reason, we take numerous measures to protect the soil from pollution. All facilities are planned, built and operated in a way which prevents any substances hazardous to water from escaping.

The implemented measures include impermeable surfaces in the production and storage facilities, sufficient retention capacities for substances hazardous to water, overfill safety installations and leakage indicators for containers and tanks as well as training courses and operating instructions for the employees.

All facilities and the existing sewage separation system are regularly inspected, maintained and, if necessary, repaired by qualified staff. The storage tanks, the storage facility for hazardous material, the major part of the production facilities as well as all loading and unloading points have impermeable containment areas.
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With the implementation of its biodiversity goals, Budenheim contributes to the protection of nature on the company premises and in the neighbourhood. It also supports sustainability in the community and cooperation with the community.

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