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What activities do you think have contributed significantly to your company's success in Poland and to strengthening Belgian-Polish business relations?

# Umicore inaugurates Europe's first battery materials gigafactory



"We're very proud to open Europe's very first gigafactory for cathode active materials. Umicore's carbon neutral facility here in Nysa is a true enabler and accelerator of the e-mobility transformation across the European Union."

*"With this gigafactory, Umicore is leading the way in battery materials in Europe offering key ingredients for a responsible and sustainable value chain for electric transport. Its state-of-the-art product and process technologies complement our metals refining and cathode precursor production facility in Finland as well as our world-class R&D and pioneering battery recycling activities in Belgium. All these elements together, underscore how we are a reliable transformation partner for our customers, supporting them locally on their acceleration path towards sustainable electric mobility,"*

**Mathias Miedreich**, CEO of Umicore

# IONWAY – the Umicore/PowerCo JV – to locate its first production plant in Nysa, Poland



The newly founded Brussels-based European EV battery materials producer IONWAY has chosen to build its first CAM production plant in Nysa, Poland, adjacent to Umicore's existing CAM plant. The JV, backed by Umicore and Volkswagen Group-owned PowerCo, is scaling up the EU footprint in the e-mobility business with the ambition to grow its annual production capacity to 160 GWh by the end of the decade, corresponding to 2.2 million battery-electric vehicles, based on market developments. IONWAY will thus help the European Union achieve its Green Deal ambitions by accelerating the establishment of regional, sustainable, and transparent battery value chains.

- Umicore and PowerCo - joint venture IONWAY - scales up EU footprint in the e-mobility business
- IONWAY creates 900 industry jobs in Poland to produce cathode active material (CAM) for EVs, the most valuable battery asset
- First production site will run on renewable energy with a view to carbon-neutral production



## Umicore receives the Polonica Progressio Award from the Polish Ministry of Development and Technology.



On June 22, 2023, Umicore Poland was one of nine companies to receive the prestigious Polonia Progressio Award. All the companies contributed greatly to Poland's economic and social development.

Umicore was awarded in the "Leader of Cooperation" category for its outstanding efforts to integrate small local companies into global value chains, international trade and cooperation in networks of large companies.

### Driving economic growth in the region

Partnerships with local companies enable us to grow and achieve mutual success with a direct and positive impact on the communities in Nysa and the wider region. Together, we promote and implement the highest business, logistics and quality standards, as well as workplace safety and respect for the environment.

“Over the past three years, Umicore Poland has developed business relationships with more than a thousand companies in the region. By applying the highest international standards at Umicore, they were able to acquire unique competencies that enabled them to raise their own standards and increase efficiency. This makes it easier for them to enter international markets and with much more experience and reach”