



2M Group Limited Acquisition Makes it Germany's Nationwide Dry Ice Supplier

Düsseldorf, Germany and Runcorn, UK

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[CE-O2 Trockeneis GmbH](#), a 2M Group Company, has acquired the dry ice business of [Air Liquide GmbH](#), making CE-O2 Trockeneis GmbH a nationwide dry ice supplier across Germany.

Air Liquide GmbH's dry ice business operates from 9 supply locations across Germany and will become part of CE-O2 Trockeneis GmbH.

Supporting and enabling many industries, dry ice is essential for many of the things we depend on daily, with life-saving consequences in some cases.

Dry ice is primarily used in:

- Pharmaceuticals / Life Sciences – to support the transportation of tissues and biological samples, vaccines, and life-saving applications.
- Food – the preservation of food and reduction of waste when transporting many food products.
- Industrial Care – the cleaning of sensitive industrial plants through dry ice blasting.

"The dry ice business aligns perfectly with our sustainable business growth strategy" said Mottie Kessler, MBE, 2M Group Ltd, Chairman. "Dry ice helps food products to stay fresh for longer, extending shelf life and therefore, reduction of waste. It is also at the heart of some essential health services."

"I would like to thank our Industrial Gas Advisor and CE-O2 Managing Director, Mr Reiner Niethammer for helping us to identify this opportunity, and Air Liquide Germany for their support and collaboration during the transition period".

The newly acquired business will be managed by Philipp Lüdicke (Managing Director, CE-O2 Trockeneis GmbH).

CE-O2 Trockeneis GmbH and Air Liquide GmbH look forward to working in close partnership to support the sustainable supply of dry ice.

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About 2M Group of Companies

Maintaining a portfolio of Material & Life Science companies, the 2M Group of Companies is committed to delivering chemistry-based solutions for a healthier life today and a better world tomorrow.

Entrepreneur founded in 2004, the 2M Group of Companies is privately owned and led by Mottie Kessler MBE, the present Chairman and CEO and Dr Maggie Kessler, International Trade Director.

Headquartered in the UK, and with sites in Benelux, Brazil, China, France, Germany, Ireland, Poland and Nordic region, the 2M Group of Companies exports to 90 countries. The Group includes CE-02, Banner Chemicals, Ingretch, 2M Manufacturing, MP Storage & Blending, Packed Chlorine, SampleRite, Stowlin & Surfachem.

The 2M Group of Companies strives to emphasis equality and create opportunities by championing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education.

2M Group of Companies Recognition

(2019) The Queen's Award for Enterprise – International Trade 2019

(2020) The Community Interaction Award, an award presented by the Chemical Business Association (CBA) that acknowledges major contributions to the community, awarded for STEM initiatives.

(2020 & 2012) The Sunday Times' Top Track 250 league which ranks Britain's private mid-market growth companies with the biggest sales.

(2020 & 2019) Export Champion 2019, by the Department for International Trade's Northern Powerhouse.