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A landmark changes its look: Alzchem dismantles decommissioned chimney at its Hart site

Unterneukirchen/Hart, September 2026 – Anyone approaching Hart recognizes them: the three striking chimneys at the Alzchem site. For decades, these structures—visible from afar—have defined the townscape and served as a familiar landmark for many people in the region. Now a change is on the horizon: one of the three chimneys is being dismantled.

The approximately 100-meter-high chimney was built in the 1940s and has been out of operation for many years. Inspections of the structure have shown that it has since sustained damage, and renovation work to preserve the chimney has become necessary. To avoid extensive renovation costs, Alzchem has opted for a controlled dismantling.

“We are aware that the chimney is a well-known landmark for many people in Hart and the surrounding area,” says Dr. Jürgen Sans, Chief Production Officer of Alzchem Group AG. “That is precisely why we want to inform the public early on about the upcoming work and transparently explain why this step is necessary.”

Preparations for the dismantling are already underway. The chimney will be dismantled step by step in a controlled manner. To do this, the structure will first be fully covered with scaffolding. Subsequently, the individual building blocks will be removed from the top down and inward. This will help minimize dust and minimize disruption to the surrounding area.

The work is expected to take two to three months. During this time, the site’s appearance may seem unfamiliar. However, the two remaining chimneys will remain unchanged and will continue to be needed for plant operations.

The demolition will change the familiar appearance of the site. The two chimneys that remain in use will continue to shape the townscape of Hart in the future as well.

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Aerial view of the Alzchem site in Hart with its three distinctive smokestacks. The smokestack on the right, which is about 100 meters high, will be carefully dismantled over the coming months.

About Alzchem

Alzchem is an internationally leading **ingredients company** that provides sustainable solutions for global challenges such as climate change, population growth, defense, and rising life expectancy with highly functional specialty products. Its portfolio includes products that are highly relevant to its customers' end uses. Alzchem is positioned as the global market leader in numerous niche markets.

The ingredients produced by Alzchem are used in human and animal nutrition as well as in agriculture, among other areas. They thus make an important contribution to efficiently securing the global food supply. Pharmaceutical raw materials and high-quality creatine products also support healthy aging and modern health concepts. In addition, Alzchem is active in the fields of renewable energies and customer-specific specialty syntheses, as well as with essential high-performance products for safety-related applications. Consistent "Made in Germany" production stands for the highest quality, technological expertise, and reliable supply security.

With over 1,700 employees at four locations in Germany, one plant in Sweden, and three sales companies in the USA, China, and England, Alzchem generated sales of EUR 562.1 million and EBITDA of EUR 116.5 million in 2025.