

## Press Release

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### Aquaculture development

### Start-up settlement in the Innopark Sigmundshall

With the company Aquapurna, the first start-up has settled permanently in the new Innopark Sigmundshall. Aquapurna was founded in 2020 and specializes in the development of cost-efficient technology for applications in land-based aquacultures.

For this purpose, the company has set up a research and development center in the Innopark of around 400 m<sup>2</sup>. Large water tanks are currently being used for breeding the first 120,000 shrimps.

“Innopark Sigmundshall offers us excellent conditions to operate our research facility,” says David Gebhard, CEO of Aquapurna. “We see great potential in scalable local food production and want to further develop our technology in this field.”

“We are pleased that Aquapurna, a very attractive start-up, has chosen our site,” says Holger Seifart, who is in charge of marketing. “Innopark Sigmundshall is aligned to the requirements of innovative companies in all stages of development. With our existing infrastructure, we provide companies with ideal framework conditions.”

Aquapurna is also one of four start-up companies in [ROOTCAMP](#), the K+S incubator program. As part of this program, an additional project is currently assessing the feasibility of combining the raw materials and expertise of K+S with the know-how of Aquapurna to jointly develop new products for land-based aquacultures.



## Note to editors

Press pictures about the topic are available for download on our [website](#).

## About K+S and the Innopark Sigmundshall

K+S considers itself a customer-focused, independent supplier of mineral products for the Agriculture, Industry, Consumers, and Communities segments. We enable farmers securing the world's food supply, provide solutions that keep industries running, enrich consumers' daily lives, and ensure safety in winter. From production sites in Europe, North America, as well as through a global distribution network, we serve the ever-increasing demand for mineral products. We strive for sustainability because we are deeply committed to our responsibilities towards people, the environment, communities, and the economy in the regions in which we operate. Learn more about K+S at [www.kpluss.com](http://www.kpluss.com).

The Innopark at the former Sigmundshall mine site is located in the Hanover region, west of the city of Wunstorf. With the Sigmundshall Innopark, we can offer infrastructure and space potential as well as additional services enabling companies to concentrate on the further development of their business idea. Above-ground halls and open areas offer space for storage and production facilities. Furthermore, office buildings with living space are available in the immediate vicinity, as well as a large number of parking facilities directly at the site. Space potential is also available underground. Limited and secured access, stable ambient temperatures as well as infrastructure and media supply provide the ideal conditions for production and storage. This is complemented by an extensive workshop and laboratory infrastructure with additional access to a broad network of regional and national partners. Further information at [www.kpluss.com/innopark-sigmundshall](http://www.kpluss.com/innopark-sigmundshall).

## About Aquapurna

Aquapurna develops automated and digitalized aquaculture applications. The goal is enabling sustainable seafood production right on our doorstep. For this purpose, Aquapurna strives for particularly cost-effective and scalable operations to make premium-quality products available to the broader market. Further information at [www.aquapurna.com](http://www.aquapurna.com).

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