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Haelixa closes its first financing round, led by Clariant as a strategic investor

Haelixa, the next-generation traceability service provider, announces that Clariant and Zürcher Kantonalbank have acquired a minority stake in Haelixa to support the further development of Haelixa's DNA-based tracing and tagging technology.

"With their focus on promoting innovation, Clariant and Zürcher Kantonalbank are ideal partners as we continue to develop our business" said Michela Puddu, co-founder and CEO of Haelixa. "We're excited to have a strategic investor on board that provides us not only capital, but also vast expertise in our target markets".

"Haelixa's technology shows great promise in several product categories and applications which are relevant to Clariant. We are therefore delighted to work with Haelixa and are committed to further developing and commercializing this exciting technology", explained Richard Haldimann, Clariant's Head of New Business Development.

Daniel Schoch, head of Start-up Finance at Zürcher Kantonalbank, added: "Haelixa is an excellent investment opportunity for us. We are excited to support the ambitious and trustful team".

About Haelixa

Haelixa provides DNA-based reliable markers for the labeling of products and raw materials. This technology ensures supply chain integrity and greater resource productivity. Haelixa was founded in 2012 and is a multi-award winning spinoff of ETH Zurich. The company is located in the innovation and entrepreneurship labs of ETH Zurich Höggerberg campus.

For more information, please visit www.haelixa.com

About Clariant

Clariant is a globally leading specialty chemicals company, based in Muttenz near Basel/Switzerland. On 31 December 2017 the company employed a total workforce of 18 135. In the financial year 2017, Clariant recorded sales of CHF 6.377 billion for its continuing businesses. The company reports in four business areas: Care Chemicals, Catalysis, Natural Resources, and Plastics & Coatings. Clariant's corporate strategy is based on five pillars: focus on innovation and R&D, add value with sustainability, reposition portfolio, intensify growth, and increase profitability. In addition to the extensive R&D activities conducted in-house and at its Innovation Center in Frankfurt (Germany), Clariant recognizes the importance of open innovation as a method to access promising technologies. <https://www.clariant.com/en/Innovation/Open-Innovation>

About Zürcher Kantonalbank

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