



# Project 2035

A decade of opportunity?



## Foreword

Our Government's ambitions for economic growth, environmental progress and social inclusion over the next decade will, to a large extent, be realised by key foundation sectors such as the chemical industry. UK chemical businesses across the nation not only deliver a significant macro-economic contribution in terms of turnover, trade and highly skilled and well rewarded jobs but also underpin much of our land's critical national infrastructure including defence, energy, health and water. A successful and accelerated energy transition also relies on essential materials and solutions from our industry, as do key manufacturing growth sectors of the economy such as aerospace, automotive, food and drink and life sciences.

This report – **Project 2035: A decade of opportunity?** – helps inform the major threats and opportunities facing UK chemical businesses over the coming 10 years, and the action that is needed NOW by Government and by industry to secure that economic, environmental and social progress for all.

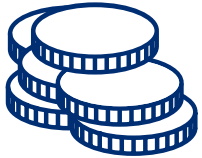
With the clock ticking on the UK as an attractive and competitive location for the manufacturing investments and jobs of the future, we very much welcome the new commitment to an industrial strategy. With around 95% of all manufactured goods containing chemicals, it is our view that every modern economy needs a chemical industry... and every industrial strategy is weaker without one.



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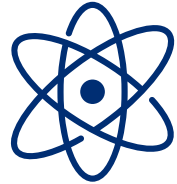
Recently we asked S&P Global to take an independent look at the current and near-future resilience of the chemical industry in the UK. This comprehensive report, based on desk research and widespread industry engagement, forms the basis of the following conclusions and actions that need to be addressed urgently in partnership with government.

# Why we matter



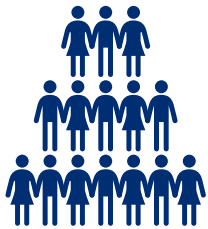
**£200,298**

Gross Value Added  
per employee



**17.5%**

of total UK business  
R&D spend



**138,000**

highly skilled  
employees earning  
27% higher than UK  
average pay



**£60bn**

of annual exports  
manufactured  
throughout UK and  
sold across the world.



# What we need

→ Competitive energy  
and raw materials



→ Regulation for growth



→ Skills for the future



# Delivering national growth

→ Accelerate UK carbon capture utilisation and storage and low-carbon hydrogen production



→ Scale up UK recycling capability



→ Rebuild UK chemical supply chains for a resilient, low carbon economy



→ Ensure research and innovation leads to UK manufacture



**Feeding the nation**



**Transforming mobility**



**Chemistry at work**



**Powering the country**



**Advancing defence**



**Protecting lives**

## **PROJECT 2035:**

A route to a strong industry, strong jobs and a strong country



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