

**Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony for the New
Analytical Laboratory Building in Kaiseraugst
(Building 250)**

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Sehr geehrter Herr Gemeindeammann Heller,

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,

Liebe Kolleginnen und Kollegen,

I will continue in English. I am pleased to be able to join you today to lay the foundation stone for our new laboratory, Building 250. The building will house Quality Control and some Quality Assurance functions which are currently located at a number of different locations in Basel.

Quality is every patient's right and every employee's responsibility. Quality and Compliance at Roche ensures product quality to our patients and compliance sustainability. Roche has a well-earned reputation for providing top-quality products to our patients around the world.

As Mr. Baltisberger touched on, the interior of this building, will meet state-of-the-art criteria and has been designed with work procedures in mind. Its open-plan laboratories will support efficient, flexible, work processes and communication. The new building will also see the first-time implementation of the "flow line" concept in our laboratories, under which the entire quality analysis of medicines will be performed in an open plan laboratory. As a result, throughput times will be reduced.

In the new laboratory building, our colleagues will carry out all quality activities for drugs manufactured or packed in Kaiseraugst. The drugs processed here are for patients worldwide. The new laboratories are a key element of our Quality and Compliance strategy and Roche's global production network.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all colleagues and partners for their commitment and outstanding work over the coming years to make this new endeavour possible. I have been very impressed with the Kaiseraugst team's expertise and commitment to patients since my first visit. As a recent resident of Switzerland I can say that I hope the

next time I speak at such an event that I am able to do so with an improved command of the German language.

I wish everyone the very best and every success with this project.

Thank you for being here with us today.

Dankeschön.

I will now hand over to Mayor Heller.