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As a green business opportunity DexLeChem revolutionizes the chemical and pharmaceutical industry by implementing a new state-of-the-art: The art of producing the most complex chemical molecules in water and other sustainable solvents. Based on DexLeChem’s IP the interdisciplinary R&D team (international experts from theoretical physics, catalysis, process engineering) develops under Jost aqueous production processes for the chemical industry. These processes are more cost-efficient than producing in toxic organic solvents due to the fact that DexLeChem can reactivate the required expensive noble metal catalysts even in water which makes them reusable - a breakthrough that has never been accomplished before.

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