

Derbigum® invests €4.5 million in new production line

Derbigum, the Belgian manufacturer of bituminous roofing membranes, validates new investments on its site in Perwez, Walloon Brabant.



The members of Derbigum's Board of Directors have agreed on a number of new investments for the production site of Perwez, Walloon Brabant. The biggest investment is the installation of a new production line, with which Derbigum fully goes for the consolidation of its future. The new production line will not only be a progress in technology, but also an improvement in flexibility in production and in ergonomics for the worker.

After having weighed up the pros and cons between an upgrade of the existing equipment and the installation of an entirely new line, the decision went without a doubt to the installation of the new line. With this €4.5 million investment, Derbigum will not only increase its production capacity. The new line will also allow working in a more flexible way, thus responding better to the demands from the market, and it will also give access to new markets. Moreover, the up-to-date technologies incorporated in the new line will allow an optimization of the production of the "traditional" bituminous roofing membranes, and a better work comfort for the workers. With this upgrade of the production line comes also a training of the operators as to get them entirely acquainted with this new installation. In term, Derbigum expects that, with the possibilities of this new production line and the enhanced competitiveness, employment will be promoted.

Alongside the installation of the new line, the existing fume treatment installation will also be replaced by a new one. This installation ensures that the fumes, released during the production process, are treated in an efficient and effective manner. With this renewal, Derbigum emphasizes its policy of respect for the environment.

At Derbigum, Steve Geubels, the Group Operations Director, is in charge of the project. The works are scheduled to start in the summer of 2017 and will end around May-June 2018.

About DERBIGUM

The Belgian enterprise Derbigum specializes in energy-saving and sustainable roof covering materials. The company, which started in 1932 as a family SME specializing in waterproofing for roofs and flat surfaces, has become a world actor thanks to its continuous investments and unparalleled service. The Group has three production units – two in Belgium (Lot & Perwez) and one in the United States (Kansas City) and employs 420 throughout the world. More than two thirds of the production is intended for export. The consolidated turnover of the Derbigum Group is now 111.2 million Euros. The logo and the baseline ‘Making Buildings Smart’ clearly illustrate the Derbigum mission: pioneering and sustainable solutions tailored to the needs of the client so as to be the reference provider of sustainable solutions that safeguard buildings from the elements of nature.

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