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BURGO GROUP GOES EVEN MORE SUSTAINABLE: INAUGURATION OF A NEW 9.8 MW PHOTOVOLTAIC PARK AT THE VIRTON PLANT IN BELGIUM

This investment represents an important milestone in the path the Group has undertaken in the field of environmental sustainability with the aim of reducing CO₂ emissions and encouraging a more rational management of energy resources



Burgo Group, as part of its GO 2030 - Growing Sustainably project with which it identifies its focus on integrated sustainability, has achieved a further step with the start-up of the new 9.8 MW photovoltaic park at its Virton plant in Belgium.

In August the first part of the photovoltaic park installed within Burgo Ardennes' company plant was started up, with final connection announced for the beginning of October. The new system has been designed to produce about 10 thousand megawatt hours of electricity per year, enough to meet the equivalent energy needs of about 3,000 families and covers an area of over 16 hectares of land within its site in the Walloon region, with over 16 thousand latest-generation panels.

“Burgo Group is fully aware of the impact that the paper industry has on the environment and how important it is to take concrete measures to ensure that this strategic asset continues to evolve. The investment programme started by the Company over the last two years has given continuity to the modernisation and technological improvement processes begun in previous years, to the strengthening of actions to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and improve energy efficiency, to the circularity strategy to increase the recovery of process waste and reduce the need for water resources, and to the focus on the life cycle of products and the entire production chain”. - commented Luca Sassoli, CEO of Burgo Energia - “The production lines have in fact taken advantage of technological innovations aimed at maintaining and perfecting product quality, with an important effort towards optimising resources, safety, the environment and safeguarding systems in all plants. This further step, which sees an increase in the use of renewable energy sources at a cutting-edge site like Burgo Ardennes, destined to become the first plant with a zero net target, completes the several actions implemented by Burgo in recent years to achieve sustainable development objectives in line with the principles of circular economy and sustainable growth recognised at EU and international level”.

This new photovoltaic park therefore represents an initiative that contributes to reducing CO₂ emissions and moving towards a more sustainable management of energy resources. The energy produced by the solar panels will in fact replace part of the electricity that Burgo Group would otherwise have purchased from traditional energy suppliers, often based on fossil fuels.

The Company has always worked to achieve significant goals in reducing its environmental footprint and wants to put forward its plant in Belgium as a model of sustainability, leading the way with the use of completely renewable energy from biomass and photovoltaic sources.

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