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Ekopak supports further growth and invests in new business premises in Deinze

Deinze (Belgium), 24 February 2022, 7:30 CET – Ekopak (EKOP:xbru), an ESG company that markets off-grid water solutions, today announces the investment in new business premises at De Prijkels business park in Deinze. These premises will support Ekopak's further growth and are a tangible representation of the company's sustainability vision.

Ekopak has reached an agreement with Veneco and the local council to realise the new building on a plot of approx. 2.1 ha (plot no. 22) on the De Prijkels site in Deinze. The investment is needed to support and accelerate Ekopak's further growth. Ekopak also wants to play a pioneering role in the field of sustainability.

Building of the future

The current Ekopak head office in Tiel, the office in Ghent and the warehouse in Roeselare will be combined at a single location, which is suitable for sustaining future growth.

It is comprised of an office building and a factory workshop to accommodate the various teams. The Ekopak office in Genk will continue to operate.



The commercial premises, designed by Vandriessche Architecten, offer a glimpse of the future and have the capacity to be fully self-sustainable when it comes to energy and water consumption.

Ekopak is striving for a sustainable building that goes beyond the specifications set down in the urban planning regulations (CO₂ neutrality). Ekopak is committed to using sustainable and environmentally friendly construction materials. The new premises will generate as much energy as possible from renewable sources, for example through the use of solar panel. The surplus electricity generated will in turn be used to run smart charging stations for the company's fleet of electric vehicles. All these measures will ensure that Ekopak generates more energy than it uses, it is therefore referred to as an energy-positive building.

As a specialist in water treatment and recycling, Ekopak will collect and reuse rainwater. The waste sanitary waste will also be treated and recuperated.

We will move into the new business premises, which represent a total investment of €18 million, in the spring of 2024.

Pieter Loose, CEO Ekopak:

'We have grown significantly over recent years, and these new business premises are necessary to support our continued growth. We want to further strengthen our focus on sustainability, and we are proud that we can realise fully self-sustainable and CO2 neutral premises, completely off-grid. This will be the standard moving forward.'

Stan Vandriessche, Vandriessche Architects:

'As an energy-conscious and committed agency, we're happy that we can shape this ambitious and challenging project for Ekopak. Ekopak is a pioneer in corporate social responsibility, and this new building will represent, promote and strengthen their identity. We're tackling the programme in an clever way that focuses on combining well-designed architecture in its specific context with the wellbeing of the people who will use the building.'

Danny Claeys, mayor of Nazareth and chair of Veneco:

'Ekopak is providing lots of employment opportunities – with 100 additional workers, for example, committed to working on sustainability at the business park and on a social level.'



About Ekopak:

Ekopak is an ESG company that markets circular water solutions. Ekopak's solutions offer industrial clients the opportunity to significantly reduce their water consumption from the mains network in a sustainable, dependable and cost-effective way. Ekopak therefore focuses on optimising water consumption with container water treatment units that convert off-grid water sources, such as rainwater, surface water and/or waste water into cleaner water that can be used and reused in clients' industrial processes. All Ekopak shares are listed on Euronext Brussels (ticker EKOP).

More info: [ekopaksustainablewater.com](https://www.ekopaksustainablewater.com)

About Vandriessche Architects:

Vandriessche Architecten work on various architectural projects of varying scales, both for private and public clients. In all projects, the agency strives to achieve an intelligent total concept that safeguards and enhances the existing potential of the site and the programme. This includes maximum coordination of all domains (architecture, stability, technology and environment) from the very start of the design process. In 2015, Vandriessche Architecten received the East Flanders Provincial Architecture Prize, and the Public Space Prize in 2017.

More info: [vandriesschearchitecten.be](https://www.vandriesschearchitecten.be)

About Veneco:

Veneco is an inter-municipal association representing 21 municipalities in and around Ghent. In addition to its core tasks of municipal service provision, Veneco addresses municipalities' new needs by encouraging inter-municipal collaboration and setting up regional operations. Veneco promotes cooperation between its partners and carries out projects of municipal interest, such as the creation and reconversion of existing business parks, the establishment of multi-tenant business premises, and the realisation of housing projects or reallocation projects.

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