

VMA contributes to the construction of the first of a hundred ENOUGH meat substitute factories in Europa



Sint-Martens-Latem, 6 December 2023 – VMA, a reference in the automation of production processes and part of the CFE Group, has completed the first European factory for the company ENOUGH, which produces sustainable ABUNDA® mycoprotein for the meat substitute market.

The new plant, with an area of 15,000 m², was equipped by VMA with all the necessary hardware and software to enable an annual production capacity of 10,000 tons of ABUNDA® mycoprotein.

The Scottish company chose VMA to help build the first of one 100 European factories, an ambition it aims to achieve by 2032. VMA provided complete automation and programming of the production process (Manufacturing Operations Management, Manufacturing Execution System, Electrical & Instrumentation, Automation, and Data Management).

The factory runs on the zero-waste principle and can replace 5 million cows or 1.2 billion chickens annually. This is equivalent to 6 million tons of CO2 emissions or 30 million trees.

Guy Wynendaele, CEO of VMA: *"Almost all of our projects contribute in some way to the energy transition, ranging from batteries to electric cars, sustainable buildings, and smart industry. With our portfolio of skills and expertise, we can offer integrated technological solutions to complex challenges."*

Jens Andriessen, Design & Build Lead of ENOUGH: *"From the very beginning, we could rely on a smooth collaboration with our partner, VMA. At every step in the construction process, their passionate team was ready to - together with our teams - find the best solutions. Thanks to their flexibility, their knowledge and experience, and their 'can-do' attitude, we have succeeded in setting up this complex pilot project in Sas van Gent (NL) in a short period of time."*

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About VMA

VMA, a division of the multidisciplinary industrial group CFE (www.cfe.be), has a workforce of 1,050 enthusiastic employees who together realize more than 250 million euros revenue. The Industrial Automation activity is flanked by the Building Technologies segment. It designs, installs and maintains all technologies in buildings and implements building management software to improve user convenience. This segment also monitors and analyses all data such as energy consumption through its VMANAGER business unit (www.vmanager.be) in order to facilitate the necessary energy transition.

About CFE

CFE is a multidisciplinary group active in Belgium, Luxembourg and Poland in four core activities with a significant growth potential that shape tomorrow's world: real estate development, multitechnics, construction & renovation and sustainable investments. With a turnover of 1,200 million euros, more than 3,100 employees and long experience and expertise gathered since its foundation in 1880, the CFE group has the ambition to challenge the status quo and create positive change by providing a successful answer to environmental and societal challenges to ensure the well-being of future generations. The group realizes this ambition by putting sustainability, innovation and respect for its employees at the heart of its strategy and by offering its clients total solutions.

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About the factory of Enough at Sas-van-Gent (NL): [link](#)