

Press release

Deceuninck opens new logistics centre in the United Kingdom

Hooglede-Gits, 1 September 2005. – To support its distribution activities, Deceuninck Group, a worldwide leading manufacturer of PVC window systems and profiles for the construction industry, opens a new logistics centre in the United Kingdom – Europe’s largest market for PVC windows.

The new distribution centre is situated in Calne (Wiltshire), right by the Group’s UK headquarters; it has the capacity to hold in excess of 1 500 different stock lines. It represents a total investment of 8.2 million euro (5.6 million GBP) by the Group. Deceuninck’s CEO Clement De Meersman said: “This investment demonstrates the Group’s ongoing commitment to the United Kingdom”.

The 10 000 m² warehouse accommodates stock items that used to be stored at three separate warehouse sites. Currently employing 20 people, the distribution centre will work in close conjunction with the northern distribution centre in Royton to distribute the Deceuninck Status range of products across the United Kingdom.

State-of-the-art technology is utilized to further improve its already high standards of customer service and logistics. Customer stock holding at the centre is continuously monitored by the SynergeBuild online ordering system; SynergeBuild allows customers direct access to up-to-minute stock levels.

The new logistics centre was opened in the presence of Arnold and Willy Deceuninck, Deceuninck Group Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively, and of Deceuninck Group CEO, Clement De Meersman.

“Deceuninck has been active in the UK window market for over 25 years now; a market which has grown enormously over the same period. Today PVC is the preferred material. Our British subsidiary, Deceuninck Status, is a leading player in this field,” added Arnold Deceuninck, Deceuninck Group Chairman.

Deceuninck is an integrated group of world format, specialised in compounding, tool fabrication, design, development, extrusion, finishing, gaskets, recycling and injection moulding of PVC-U systems and profiles for the building industry. The company is active in more than 60 countries, has 31 subsidiaries (production and/or sales) and is supported by 3 000 personnel, 670 of them in Belgium. In 2004 the Deceuninck Group achieved consolidated sales of 582.1 million euro.

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