

Press Release

Deceuninck receives Golden Horn Award 2008 in Turkey

Hooglede-Gits, 11th June 2008. – Minister of State Herman De Croo handed Deceuninck the prestigious Golden Horn Award 2008 on 9th June. Deceuninck is a world-wide leading producer of PVC window systems and building profiles. The ceremony took place in Istanbul, Turkey, during a gala performance attended by numerous prominent figures.

The Golden Horn Award is an initiative of the Belgian Chamber of Commerce in Turkey under the auspices of the Belgian Consulate General in Istanbul. The award is given to Belgian companies that have been active in Turkey for more than three years and have contributed considerably to the Turkish economy in the area of production, export to, investment and/or services in Turkey. The jury praised Deceuninck's growth and ambition in Turkey as well as its desire to combine the best of the Belgian and the Turkish *business culture*.

"It is a real honour for the Deceuninck Group and in particular our Turkish organisations Ege Pen Deceuninck in Izmir and Winsa in Sarimese (near Istanbul) to be able to accept this award. Over the past years, Deceuninck has invested almost 80 million euro aimed at obtaining a leading position in this strategically important market. This award is a recognition for the hard work of our 600 employees in our two Turkish branches. Last year, no pain or effort was spared to get the new extrusion site in Sarimese operational by the beginning of this year. They truly deserve this trophy," reacts a proud Clement De Meersman, CEO of the Deceuninck Group.

Deceuninck has been active in Turkey since 2000. The Group has two production sites there, one in Izmir and one in Sarimese. Both – under the brand names Ege Pen Deceuninck and Winsa – are specialized in compounding, extrusion and lamination of PVC window systems, building profiles and gaskets for the construction industry. The Deceuninck Group employs 600 people in Turkey. In 2007, Turkey was the Deceuninck Group's largest market – with a turnover of 113 million euro.

About Deceuninck

Deceuninck is an integrated group of world format, specialised in compounding, tool fabrication, design, development, extrusion, finishing, recycling and injection moulding of PVC-U window systems and profiles and gaskets and composite applications for the building industry. The company is active in more than 75 countries, has 35 subsidiaries (production and/or sales) and is supported by 2.940 personnel, 680 of them in Belgium. In 2007 the Deceuninck Group achieved consolidated sales of 657 million euros.

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