

VINCI Energies Belgium acquires Legendre Conveyors

VINCI Energies Belgium has acquired Legendre Conveyors located in Groot-Bijgaarden. The family business, specialised in transport systems and line management, is now part of the Industry & Software Solutions division of VINCI Energies Belgium. With this acquisition, VINCI Energies Belgium strengthens both its position in the beverage market and its expertise in filling and packaging lines.

The Legendre family has already been active in the conveying systems sector for seventy years. Today, the family business employs 28 people on its site in Groot-Bijgaarden and carries out projects in more than twenty countries. Legendre specialises in the development of new production lines and the adaptation or upgrading of existing production lines, mainly for the beverage industry. The company counts leading names in the beverage sector among its customers

With this acquisition, VINCI Energies Belgium confirms its strong position as an integrator in the dairy industry and now also expands its expertise in the brewing and soft drinks sector.

Complementary

Legendre's competences complement the activities of VINCI Energies Belgium in two areas. On the one hand, they allow for an expansion of the mechanical and machine range. On the other hand, the takeover strengthens the 'end of line' offer.

Marc Lemaire, Managing Director of VINCI Energies Belgium elaborates on this new step: *"With our Actemium Business Units and the 2018 acquisition of AVT, which specialises in heavy load transport, mechanical engineering, robot and custom integration projects, we have developed a complete range for the automation of processes and packaging lines in recent years. With the acquisition of Legendre, we are taking further steps in the development of our logistics offering. The potential is huge. With VINCI Energies Belgium, we strongly believe in the cross-fertilisation between our different brands of which Legendre is now a part."*

Luc Clabout, Managing Director of the Industry & Software Solutions division of VINCI Energies Belgium, is similarly enthusiastic about this takeover: *"The acquisition of Legendre fits in our strategy to offer the beverage industry a one-stop-shop range that combines our mechanical, electrical, automation and industrial IT skills with a thorough knowledge of production and business processes. Legendre's motto: "We convey – you relax" reflects the same vision: a customer-oriented approach with extensive expertise in end-of-line."*

Perspectives for the future

Legendre Conveyors looks positively to the future. After the takeover by VINCI Energies Belgium, the company will continue to exist as an autonomous Business Unit and will retain its current site in Groot-Bijgaarden. Olivier Legendre, together with his brother Mathieu, will lead this new Business Unit within the Industry & Software Solutions division of VINCI Energies Belgium. Olivier Legendre: *"Under the wings of a major player such as VINCI Energies, we are jointly writing a new chapter for our company with a long-standing tradition. The expertise we can demonstrate together will undoubtedly strengthen our position."*

"This acquisition aligns fully with our growth strategy," adds Marc Lemaire. *"We are always looking for synergies with our existing activities. This complementarity allows us to profile ourselves more than ever as a unique partner towards our customers, in this case mainly in the beverage industry"*.



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