

Press Release

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Deceuninck to Consolidate its American Operational Activities

Hooglede-Gits, 23 February 2009. Group Deceuninck has announced its intentions to concentrate all of its American operational activities on its state-of-the-art site in Monroe, Ohio. Extrusion activities at Little Rock, Arkansas will be stopped. The decision will affect the employment of about 70 people.

The Little Rock, Arkansas manufacturing plant became one of the Deceuninck North America production sites in 2003 together with the 2006 halted extrusion plant in Oakland, New Jersey after the acquisition of Vinyl Building Products, part of Thyssen Polymer (Germany). The decision is part of Deceuninck's policy to continuously improve productivity in a market that continues to be severely hit by the consequences of the financial crisis and the worsening of the economic climate. The production capacity will entirely be transferred to Deceuninck's manufacturing site in Monroe, Ohio. The move is planned to be finished at the beginning of April 2009. Deceuninck is making every effort to assist the approximately 70 affected employees in such uncertain economic times.

"The continuous problems and decreased activity in the American housing market force us to further streamline our operational activities in the United States. This consolidation will allow us to keep productivity up and meanwhile maximise and ensure in the long term Deceuninck North America's service level to its customers," comments Tom Debusschere, CEO of the Deceuninck Group.

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 33 subsidiaries (production and/or sales) and is supported by 2.810 personnel, 660 of them in Belgium. In 2008 the Deceuninck Group achieved consolidated sales of 629 million euros.

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