



Ecolean expands with new production facility in Sweden

Ecolean, a global producer of lightweight packaging solutions for liquid food, expands its business and acquires a 30,000 square meter piece of land in Landskrona, Sweden to establish a new production facility. The expansion is part of the company's ambitious growth strategy.

The increase in capacity is well needed to meet the liquid food industry's demands for Ecolean's lightweight and innovative packaging solutions. In the agreement, an additional 30,900 sqm can

be obtained, when needed in the future.

As part of our ongoing expansion strategy, this investment of 25-30 million euros will enable us to continue being a fast growing and rapidly expanding company, says Peter L Nilsson, CEO, Ecolean Group. The new production facility will be up and running in 2020 and we expect to add around 100 new job opportunities within a few years' time, he continues.

In addition to Sweden, Ecolean has one production facility in China and one

Production facility under construction in Pakistan, estimated to start its operations 2019. Ecolean collaborates with leading brand owners in approximately 30 countries and has eleven sales offices globally.

The Ecolean lightweight packages are made of as little raw material as possible, providing a low environmental impact throughout the packages' life cycle. The company and its packaging solutions' sustainable profile appeals to market-leading liquid food brands globally. ♦

Prestigious RAC Cooling Industry Award for GEA

The British Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Magazine (RAC) has awarded GEA with this year's RAC Cooling Industry Awards in the category "Building Energy Project". The globally renowned award honors companies that are particularly committed to environmentally friendly and innovative solutions in the refrigeration and air conditioning industry.

The award was presented to GEA at a ceremony held at the end of September at the London Hilton Hotel, attended by over 600 high-ranking representatives of the refrigeration and air-conditioning industry. In total, there were awards in 19 categories covering the entire field of refrigeration and air conditioning - from projects in and for the retail trade to cold chain innovations and projects.

The jury chose GEA as the winner of the grand prize because the project presented by GEA is a prime example of



Kenneth Hoffmann, PTC Refrigeration Process (centre), accepted the RAC Cooling Industry Award for GEA. (Photo: RAC Cooling Industry).

innovation and significant energy savings. The evaluation committee was convinced by the conversion of an ammonia-based refrigeration plant to heat a large quantity of cleaning water from the customer Moy Park. Moy Park is the largest poultry meat producer in Northern Ireland and also produces poultry in England and one of

the 15 largest food companies in the UK.

Using a 1.5 MW booster compressor as a booster heat pump, which recompresses the exhaust gases, the GEA solution made it possible to heat the water to 67 degrees Celsius. The figures speak for themselves. Moy Park was able to completely shut down two boilers and reduce the gas consumption of the other two. Electricity consumption increased only slightly.

"This project was based on an analysis of Moy Park's equipment and environmental requirements study. GEA delivered a perfectly worked out solution that exceeded the customer's expectations. The old, existing system was retained, but modified with the GEA solution. This is how these results, measurable in terms of evaluation figures, came about," praised a member of the jury of the RAC Cooling Industry Awards. ♦