

Press release

Malteries Soufflet lays the foundations for its new malt house in Bulgaria

Pleven, Bulgaria — 13 April 2023 — Malteries Soufflet, one of the world's three leading operators in the malt industry and a subsidiary of the European agricultural group InVivo, today laid the foundations for the new Malteries Soufflet Bulgaria production site in Pleven.

This new malt house, which has an annual production capacity of 60,000 tonnes of malt, represents an investment of nearly €60 million in the Bulgarian barley-malt-beer sector by Malteries Soufflet, and consolidates its position as the country's leading malt producer.

This malt house will replace the two existing production sites in Bulgaria, which are located 240 km apart (in Pleven and Haskovo) and have a maximum total production capacity of 30,000 tonnes.

As well as doubling malt production, the new malt house—where production is expected to begin towards the end of 2024—will be aligned with the latest standards in terms of performance, safety and energy efficiency. The photovoltaic panels installed at the site are expected to produce 3.2 GWh, equivalent to 40% of its electricity needs, thereby reducing the current carbon footprint by over 1700 tonnes of CO₂ per year.



About Malteries Soufflet – InVivo Group

Malteries Soufflet is one of the world's leading players in the malt industry, with an 11% share of the global market. Malteries Soufflet employs nearly 1,400 people in 29 malt plants in Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa, with an annual production capacity of 2.4 million tonnes of malt. Thanks to its expertise in the barley sector, from seed to beer, Malteries Soufflet produces excellent malts, whether standard or special, pilsner, roasted or organic, as part of a continuous improvement process in the sustainability of its products. In partnership with its customers - major brewers and craft brewers, distillers and ingredient producers - Malteries Soufflet co-constructs the specifications for malts that meet the most demanding challenges, as part of a continuous improvement process.

About the InVivo group

The InVivo group is one of Europe's leading agricultural groups with a turnover of close to 12 billion euro, more than half of which is generated in France, and a workforce numbering over 14,500 employees, of whom approximately 11,000 are located in France. It has a presence in 38 countries, with 90 industrial sites, including 63 in France.

A cornerstone of food sovereignty, it operates across the entire value chain, from farm to fork, and is a leader in each of its four major strategic areas of activity: international grain trade, agriculture, agri-food (malt, wheat, wine), garden centres and food retail. A cross-functional global centre for innovative and digital solutions completes this package.

Promoting agricultural transition, InVivo's ambition is to assist in the transformation of French farms and support European food sovereignty.

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