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PSA ZEEBRUGGE POWERS 50% OF ELECTRICITY NEEDS WITH OVER 1,800 VERTICAL SOLAR PANELS

Today, PSA Zeebrugge unveiled a new installation of close to 1,900 solar panels with an annual capacity of 770 megawatt-hours (MWh). Unlike the usual roof-mounted installations, these panels are mounted vertically on the facade of their warehouses at the port terminal. This installation was completed by Insaver, part of the Luminus Group, and was officially inaugurated by Dirk De fauw, Mayor of Bruges, who symbolically revealed the solar panels to daylight.

This solar energy installation is one of the largest vertical installations of solar panels in Belgium and the total annual solar power generated equals 770 MWh, enough to cover half of the entire terminal's electricity consumption. Overall, this installation saves 101.43 tons CO₂, which is equivalent to the annual CO₂ emission of 220 Belgian households.

The **Mayor of Bruges, Dirk De fauw**, who was present at the opening ceremony, commented, "This installation shows how companies in our region are pioneering sustainable solutions. PSA Zeebrugge proves that innovation and climate ambition go hand in hand."

"I am delighted that we are achieving our climate targets for our terminal in Zeebrugge in a creative and highly efficient way," said **Dennis Verbeeck, General Manager, Multi-purpose division of PSA Belgium**. "Vertical solar panels are not common in Flanders, but we made it work as our terminal's roof is unable to support the weight of regular solar panels."

"While we already buy 100% renewable electricity, we are investing significantly to meet the Flemish government's CO₂ emission-reduction requirements, while contributing to PSA International's broader ambition to achieve net zero carbon emissions from its own operations and energy use by 2050," explained **Francis De Ruytter, Regional Head Sustainability PSA Europe, Mediterranean, and the Americas**. "The Flemish government requires companies with an electricity consumption of more than 1 Gigawatt-hour per year to obtain part of that energy from solar panels. With this installation, we are meeting our photovoltaic obligations for the terminal in Zeebrugge, but also for our head office in Antwerp."

Stijn Cuppens, CEO of Insaver, added, "By installing solar panels on its site, PSA doesn't just reduce energy costs, it also contributes to the further decarbonisation of the electrical grid. At Insaver, we believe in tailor-made solutions, tailored to the specific needs and challenges of each customer. Together with PSA, we have developed an innovative approach that perfectly matches the unique context of their terminal. We are extremely proud to have been able to realize this exceptional installation and to be responsible for its maintenance and performance as a long-term partner."

For the Luminus Group, the PSA project represents an important step in the rollout of its "Electrify2030" program, which focuses on the electrification of the economy and society, the only way to reduce CO₂ emissions and strengthen Europe's energy independence.

Grégoire Dallemagne, CEO of Luminus Group, said, "To increase Europe's energy independence, ensure the competitiveness of our companies, and reduce our CO₂ emissions, we must focus on the electrification of our economy and society. At Luminus, we have made this our raison d'être: building a CO₂-neutral energy future with electricity and innovative solutions and services. In this way, we contribute to the preservation of the planet, the well-being of people, and economic progress."

Building a net zero carbon future

PSA is exploring further steps to source 100% of the electricity required by the Zeebrugge terminal from locally produced renewable energy. PSA Belgium's overall objective is to halve its 2019 CO₂-emission levels by 2030 and achieve net zero carbon emissions for its own activities and energy use by 2050.

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ABOUT PSA ZEEBRUGGE

PSA Zeebrugge is a multimodal terminal in the port of Zeebrugge, specializing in the handling of paper products, among other things. With six berths and a site covering 60 hectares, PSA Zeebrugge offers logistics solutions via rail, road, inland waterways, and roll-on/roll-off equipment. The terminal is part of the PSA Group, linked to PSA Antwerp, among others, and a world leader in port services.

ABOUT INSAVER

Insaver is a Belgian specialist in sustainable energy solutions for both private individuals and companies. The company offers total solutions for solar panels, battery storage, charging solutions, and energy management. As part of the Luminus group, one of the largest energy suppliers in Belgium, and the multidisciplinary technology group ATS, Insaver combines technical expertise with the clout to realize energy projects of any scale, with follow-up throughout the entire life cycle: from engineering and installation to maintenance, monitoring, and repowering.

ABOUT LUMINUS

Luminus is leading the energy transition in Belgium and is active in electricity production, energy supply, energy solutions, and flexibility. The company is number one in onshore wind energy and hydropower and has diversified and flexible production units, enabling it to play a key role in the country's security of supply and contribute to the balance of the electricity grid. Luminus supplies electricity and gas to residential and business customers, accounting for a 24% market share, and also offers its customers solutions to electrify and reduce their CO₂ emissions and energy consumption. By investing in storage and flexibility to respond to the variable nature of renewable energy, Luminus turns flexibility challenges into opportunities.

Guided by the company's collectively supported raison d'être, the 2,900 employees of the Luminus Group are working every day to build a CO₂-neutral energy future with electricity and innovative solutions and services. In this way, Luminus aims to contribute to the preservation of the planet, the well-being of people, and economic progress. To this end, Luminus draws

on its strong local roots and the expertise of the EDF Group, a world leader in low-carbon energy. The future is electric! #Electrify

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