

Roquette inaugurates a new pea protein production unit at its Vic-sur-Aisne site

The Group is expanding its range of specialty pea proteins for Food, Nutrition and Health markets and reinforces its leadership in this area.

La Madeleine, (France) May 16, 2018 – Roquette, a global leader in plant-based ingredients for Food, Nutrition and Health markets, is announcing the startup of a new production unit dedicated to specialty pea protein at its site in Vic-sur-Aisne (Hauts-de-France, France). This expansion is part of the €40 million investment plan announced in 2017 and follows a development program of a similar amount implemented since 2015.

The new unit, which will ship its first production in June 2018, shows Roquette's determination to make its site in Vic-sur-Aisne a dedicated center of pea protein expertise. The Group plans to offer an increasingly broad range of specialty ingredients to its customers.

The site, which currently has 130 employees and works with a number of local partners, is already a major center of pea protein production. This move is part of the Group's drive to develop a high-quality and increasingly environmentally-friendly pea line. Roquette is committed to sustainable and responsible pea production that encourages the adoption of best farming practices and modern technologies.

The launch of the new unit will strengthen the Group's offering of NUTRALYS® plant-based proteins with the addition of new ingredients specially designed for food products and beverages enriched with protein. They provide a natural solution to the specific requirements of sportspersons, seniors and those following a special diet.

The new facility will benefit from Roquette's 40 years' experience in the research and production of plant-based proteins and will reinforce the Group's position as a pioneer in specialty plant-based proteins for Food, Nutrition and Health markets.

The pea protein market is a highly attractive sector, and its strong growth reflects consumers' goal of taking care of their health while preserving the environment. To address this demand, Roquette will rely on this production facility in Europe (Vic-sur-Aisne, France) and an additional one in North America (Portage-La-Prairie, Canada), currently under construction. By 2020, both plants will have a combined pea processing capacity of close to 250,000 tons p.a.

Pascal Leroy, Vice-President of Roquette's Pea and New Protein business line, commented: "The inauguration of this new dedicated unit for specialty pea proteins represents a major step forward in the implementation of the Roquette Group's strategy in plant-based proteins. By offering new high valueadded sustainable nutritional and functional solutions, we are extending our global leadership in the specialty plant-based protein market. We are also demonstrating our goal of offering products increasingly tailored to demand in Food, Nutrition and Health markets. We are delighted with these major developments in France and Canada that put Roquette at the forefront, enabling it to provide its customers around the world with high-quality plant-based ingredients."

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About Roquette: "Offering the best of nature"

Roquette is a global leader in plant-based ingredients and a pioneer of new vegetal proteins.

In collaboration with its customers and partners, the Group addresses current and future societal challenges by unlocking the potential of Nature to offer the best ingredients for Food, Nutrition and Health markets. Each of these ingredients responds to unique and essential needs, and they enable healthier lifestyles.

Thanks to a constant drive for innovation and a long-term vision, the Group is committed to improving the wellbeing of millions of people all over the world while taking care of resources and territories.

Roquette currently operates in over 100 countries, has a turnover of around 3.2 billion euros and employs 8,300 people worldwide.

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