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Mayor Sybrand van Haersma Buma inaugurates sustainable cold store at Royal CSK/DSM in Leeuwarden, the Netherlands

Today, an important expansion of the CSK/DSM facilities in Leeuwarden was inaugurated officially by Mayor Mr Van Haersma Buma. The manufacturer of special ingredients for the dairy industry has added a large new cold store to its plant in Leeuwarden. The mayor officially inaugurated the sustainable cold store with the unveiling of an ice sculpture.

The new cold store offers a capacity of approximately 2000 m². This doubles the capacity for freezing at -55°C at the Leeuwarden site. Once the construction was completed, it took 55 days to attain this temperature and to have all the equipment acclimatise to the extreme cold. This low temperature ensures that the products are preserved in a perfect condition.

Its innovative design makes use of the newest sustainable refrigeration technology, in which the temperature is maintained by natural gasses. It is the first cold store of this size in the world that runs on these gasses.

This cold store's floor consists of double-layered concrete. Each layer features its own underfloor heating. The bottom heating serves to prevent frost from permeating the soil, while the top heating serves to keep the shop floor dry, to ensure that it is safe to work and walk on at all times.

Here, CSK's products are stocked on racks made of a special type of steel, as standard steel becomes too brittle at this low temperature.

As the production volume in Leeuwarden is expected to grow further, this new cold store has been built in anticipation thereof.

CSK was acquired by DSM at the end of last year. The combination of the dairy activities of DSM and CSK enables both companies to meet the needs of the global dairy industry even better and creates a good starting position from which to serve the rapidly-growing and appealing market for dairy cultures.

Patrick Niels, President of DSM Food Specialties, and Sanne Melles, Managing Director of CSK, carried out the inauguration together with Mayor Van Haersma Buma. During the mayor's visit, they spoke about the strategic ambitions of the municipality and the province concerning food and nutrition, the importance of this production facility in Leeuwarden, and the role played by the solutions of DSM and CSK in making the dairy chain more sustainable, from the farm to the dish on the table.

Royal CSK food enrichment

Royal CSK food enrichment develops and globally sells high-grade functional ingredients in the fields of flavour, texture, and biopreservation of dairy products. CSK was formed in 1905 and targets the dairy industry in Europe and North America. The company has approximately 200 employees. Total turnover amounted to 65 million euros in 2018. CSK has been a part of DSM Food Specialties since the end of 2019.

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