



Merger of DVN and wheyco successfully implemented

DMK Group continues to expand its whey business

Bremen/ Hoogeveen, 02 September 2020. It finally happened: for the first time, whey permeate and WPC 80 were filled into bags with the wheyco logo in Hoogeveen, the Netherlands. This made visible the merger of DV Nutrition and wheyco under the umbrella of the DMK Group into one of the largest manufacturers of whey derivatives in the world. On 1 September 2020, DVN was officially renamed wheyco Netherlands V.O.F.

The DMK Group and Volac had already held shares in the DVN joint venture since 2004. The complete takeover by DMK then followed on 1 January 2020 in order to push ahead with the expansion towards European and Asian growth markets in accordance with "Vision 2030".

"The complete takeover of the joint venture was another building block that now enables us to continue to push forward with the targeted expansion of our whey business in value-adding markets," explains Alexander Godow, COO DMK Industry. "I am pleased that, with the renaming of DVN to wheyco Netherlands V.O.F., the official integration has now also been successfully completed."

The employees had already become a team much earlier: with the complete takeover of DVN, the new 69 colleagues were integrated into the DMK Group's Industry business unit. According to Godow, the joint task now is to take the best of both worlds into the new organisation. Customer contacts will be maintained from the sales office in Hamburg. In the ultra-modern "Zuivelpark" dairy park in Hoogeveen, 120,000 litres of whey per hour flow from the neighbouring DOC Kaas factory through pipelines to the wheyco plant, where it is processed into whey protein concentrate (WPC) and permeate. The proximity to cheese production is an important reason for the high quality of wheyco's end products: the whey's freshness and quality are crucial in the production of whey derivatives.

About the DMK Group

With around 7,700 employees at more than 20 locations in Germany, the Netherlands and other international hubs, Germany's largest dairy cooperative processes milk into food products of the highest quality. The product portfolio ranges from cheese, dairy products and ingredients to baby food, ice cream and whey products. Brands such as MILRAM, Oldenburger, Uniekaas, Alete and Humana have earned the trust of consumers at home and abroad, making the company an established player in its home markets and selected target markets around the globe. As one of the largest suppliers to the German food retail industry with a total revenue of 5.8 billion euros, the DMK Group is one of Europe's leading dairy companies.

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