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PRONATEC commissions Bühler equipped cocoa processing plant

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SWITZERLAND – PRONATEC, a Swiss supplier of organic food raw materials and of sustainable, 100% organic chocolate, has commissioned the Bühler cocoa processing plant in Beringen, one of Europe’s most advanced.



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The Bühler cocoa processing plant, which was designed in close collaboration and coordination with the PRONATEC team, is one of the most advanced systems installed worldwide.

Its advantages clearly lie in the consistently high quality of the roasting and grinding of the cocoa beans into cocoa mass and the further processing into cocoa powder and butter.

“The efficiency of the plant at the Swiss site, as well as the uncompromising design for 100% organic certification, was a priority for PRONATEC from the very beginning,” says Joachim Essig, Head of Sales Cocoa & Malt at Bühler.”

The processes are continuously monitored in the control room, at the heart of the process plant, and the cocoa products produced are also continuously tested for quality in the company’s own laboratory.



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The mandatory requirements for energy efficiency were taken into consideration in the plant design and implementation.

Furthermore, emissions were considered from the very beginning of the planning process in order to be able to meet not only all safety requirements but also the highest demands in terms of environmental compatibility.

A promising alliance

Bühler has been active in the cocoa segment for over 50 years and has been continuously expanding its market leadership in this field ever since.

The Beringen plant is a relatively small facility for Bühler, but this does not make it any less interesting or important.

For more than 45 years, PRONATEC has been distributing fair-trade and sustainably produced products for the global food industry and grocery trade.

The product range includes cocoa beans, semi-finished cocoa products, couverture, chocolate, sugar, vanilla as well as numerous spices, all with a variety of organic and fair-trade certifications.

David Yersin adds that the new roaster also gives PRONATEC the opportunity to develop new products.

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