

The Uelzena Group builds new spray-drying plant in Uelzen

- **Long-term site security by expanding the existing drying capacity**
- **Commissioning scheduled for summer 2022**

Uelzen, December 2020 – the Uelzena Group continues to pursue its strategic goals and is expanding the existing spray-drying technology at its Uelzen site to include an ultra-modern spray-drying plant. The new plant will be housed in a separate building next to the high-bay warehouse finished in 2019. It has been part of the company's plans since mid-2017, and detailed preparation of the construction project has been ongoing for more than a year. Once the building permit was granted for the first section, the groundwork and excavation began. The first foundations should be laid in January 2021.

Competitive milk payout as a strategic objective

The sustainable increase in the milk payout to secure the existence of milk producers drives and motivates the Uelzena Group. This investment in the production facilities and increased diversification shall also help to continue achieving the good company results of recent years and to further expand. The new spray tower will be used to meet demand from the food processing industry, primarily for baby food manufacturers. All requirements for this sector concerning quality and product properties will be able to be fulfilled in future as a result of the increased capacity.

Focus on spray drying baby food components

This project enables the Uelzena Group to meet the growing need of its customers for spray-dried minerals and vitamins with technically demanding product requirements under the highest safety and hygiene standards. Uelzena has already made a name for itself in this line of business. Its many years of experience in this field and the latest requirements of its customers have been incorporated in the design of the new plant.

Modern and sustainable for the most sophisticated products

In the future, customer requirements will be even easier to implement thanks to the closed system of the new building. The concept also provides a direct connection to the new high-bay warehouse via an automatic conveyor line to further ensure product quality. At a height of 30 metres, the new building will cover an area of 80 metres long by 30 metres wide and will use sustainable technology to optimise energy use and reduce emissions.

Know-how in spray technology

The Uelzena Group employs about 500 staff at its Uelzen site, including many specialists in spray drying. Uelzena champions this knowledge and will start operating the new plant with its existing workforce, with commissioning expected to be in May 2022. Additional personnel will, however, be needed from the Uelzen region for the company's main facility for the new plant to run at full capacity.

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About the Uelzena Group

Uelzena eG with its headquarters in Uelzen, Lower Saxony, and its three subsidiaries in Germany, is one of the leading providers and innovative problem solvers in the food processing and milk refining business. The Uelzena Group is active in the following business fields:

- **Ingredients for the food industry** (milk powder, milk fat, sweetened condensed milk, cream, yoghurt and fermented milk products for the delicatessen industry and speciality ingredients) **and contract manufacturing** (processing its customers' raw materials)
- **Instant beverages** (instant cocoa and coffee beverages, toppings, coffee creamers)
- **Health products** (products for weight management and sports nutrition as well as the contract manufacture of customer formulations)
- Other **dairy products** (butter, butterfat, cheese)

The company focuses on doing business with international customers from the industry. For years, the Uelzena Group has been supplying many international manufacturers of well-known brands. In Germany, the group is the leading supplier of concentrated butter to food retailers and of butter and butterfat to the bakery trade.

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