

PRESS RELEASE

Aperam will install on its premises in Genk a photovoltaic installation with a capacity of 23 Mwp. The construction of this installation is assigned to Perpetum Energy.

Aperam is a global player in the stainless, electrical and specialty steel markets, and also a global leader in environmental sustainability. Our stainless steel products are not only 100% recyclable, they also reflect our position as a fair and sustainable company with the best in class CO₂ footprint within our sector. Aperam is one of the big energy consumers in Belgium. The Journey towards CO₂ neutrality by 2050 is a key strategic objective of Aperam. Installing renewable energy on its premises is one of the ways to achieve this mission .

The installation that will be installed in Genk will generate 23 MWp with a yearly energy production of 20300 MWh. This will result in 7300 ton of avoided CO₂ emissions, which is equal to the emissions of 5900 average households. It is equal to the CO₂ adsorbed by 720 ha forest. Aperam will consume at least 97% of the generated power directly by the plants in Genk. Once operational it will be the second biggest photovoltaic installation in Belgium. The installation is expected to be in operation by the end of 2021.

For Aperam, for the city of Genk and the Flemish Region this is a big step towards a green future, and this will further secure the position of Aperam as a sustainable long term employer in the region. At the same time EV charging stations will be deployed to be used for the cars of the company and the employees. This will guarantee that the fleet of Aperam will become gradually emission free.

After a profound market analyses Aperam decided to allocate the execution of the entire project (PV-installation and the EV-charging stations) to Perpetum Energy, a company based in Sint- Denijs- Westrem (Gent).

Perpetum Energy is a family owned company and one of the fastest growing companies specialized in the development, construction and exploitation of renewable energy projects with a main focus on tailor made solutions for industrial consumers. It has its main activities in Belgium, the Netherlands and Taiwan. During the last fifteen years it realized more than 2000 projects spread over six countries. Perpetum Energy just finished one of the world's largest photovoltaic carports in Belgium in Pairi Daiza with 20 MWp of installed power. Perpetum Energy employs 40 people and is also on this item rapidly growing.

For this project the investors receive financial support (green certificates) from the Flemish government.

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