



PRESS RELEASE

Haulotte Group inaugurates its new factory of Santander – Spain in the presence of government of Cantabria

Pierre Saubot and Alexandre Saubot, respectively Chairman and CEO of Haulotte Group, welcomed the President of Cantabria, Miguel Angel Revilla and the Vice-president and Institutional Relations Counselor and European matters, Dolores Gorostiaga for the inauguration of the new factory that the Group opens in the region of Cantabria last March the 30th.

During the day, which coincided with the meeting of the Executive staff of Haulotte Group on a world level, the other members of the government of Cantabria joined in, as well as the mayors of the surrounding communes and the companies directly implied in the project like SICAN, SODERCAN, the trade unions and suppliers.

After the visit of the plants' facilities, Alexandre Saubot, Germán Fernández, mayor of Reocín; Dolores Gorostiaga, Pierre Saubot commented on this event; and Miguel Angel Revilla intervened to conclude, before uncovering a commemorative plate and signing the Gold book.

The factory of Reocín ensues from the agreement between Haulotte Group and the Government of Cantabria, signed in Paris on April 19, 2006 by the Vice-president, Dolores Gorostiaga and Alexandre Saubot. Haulotte Cantabria, which manufactures new telehandler HTL and the full rotating backhoe-loader Multijob MJX, is located on the Empresarial Besaya Park on a parcel of 62.000 m² of which 20.000 m² are already built. A first edifice of 16.800 m² houses the painting zone, store, shipment, reception area and assembly lines. The final retouch and personalization zone occupies a second building of 1.500 m².

This new factory is a new impulse for employment in the area of Cantabria, a potential of 300 people employed in this new manufacturing unit, and 1000 employments inferred through its suppliers.

For Haulotte Group, this new factory is an element of its development and the products of diversification of the Group which are manufactured in this factory

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have been presented recently at the Bauma exhibition, in Germany. “The Group will export on a world level the best technology, the most modern and competitive machines” Alexandre Saubot declares.

According to Pierre Saubot, there were several reasons for choosing of the area of Cantabria for establishing this new factory, among others “the communication network and the infrastructure, like the harbor of Santander, and the proximity of several international airports. Its geographical localization is a strategic point for our development”

With a turnover in 2006 of more than 500 M€ and more than 1600 people, Haulotte Group continues its development, by reinforcing its production capacity with the opening of new manufacturing units in Spain and Romania and diversifying its products with the new range of telehandlers and the full rotating backhoe loader Multijob MJX 900. In order to meet more and more the needs of its customers, Haulotte Group increases its range of products and services to obtain a better efficiency, a better reactivity and especially to improve further the quality.

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