

Versalis opens new elastomer plant in Ferrara

Ferrara, 12 September 2018 - Versalis (Eni) has opened a new EPDM rubber production

plant in Ferrara today, which will mainly supply the automotive industry.

The new facility is an excellent example of reindustrialization of an Italian production plant.

Over 250 million euros were invested in the project, which involved constructing a new production line on a land which was reclaimed and duly authorized for renewed industrial

use, and the revamping of the existing elastomer plant.

This investment in Ferrara will increase overall production capacity by around 50 thousand

tonnes per year. It will also enable the company to update its elastomer product range and

boost job numbers, with 45 new staff to be added to production and related services, plus

a further 50 people to outsourced activities. An average of 550 people worked on site

during the construction and the majority of the materials were supplied by Italian

companies.

The investment further strengthens Versalis' presence in the area, facilitated by working

closely with local institutions throughout the authorisation process, which was completed

in just one year.

Ferrara plays a key role in Versalis's production system, with 330 employees and an

average of 180 contractors a day. As well as elastomers production, the complex also includes production facilities for low-density polyethylene (LDPE) and a major research

centre.

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