



Extension of Van Wijk plant

Exactly 45 years ago, the company Van Wijk Technische Handelsonderneming (Technical commercial concern) was founded by Mr. D.W. van Wijk. The first office was held at his home and moved afterwards to Amsterdam and Hoofddorp. After Rijsenhout and Vijfhuizen they ended up in Lelystad at the Bouwweg 14 in 1980, where the actual plant was built.



Today, the foundation was laid for the expansion of the plant, in presence of all Lelystad staff, the whole family Van Wijk and an alderman of the city of Lelystad. The founder of the company Van Wijk Nederland BV, Mr. D.W. van Wijk did the honours. This was a historic moment for him while exactly 30 years ago he did the same thing at the same location. But, this time he was accompanied by his twin sons Ronald and Harald who are in lead of the company since five years.

It was an extra memorable event, because of the two-way meaning: not only building on the extension of the plant but also building on the future of the company. By doing

so, the family Van Wijk will commit to continue the company under direct leadership of Ronald and Harald. The new foundation also symbolises the firmness of the desire to continue the company as a family business.



After the official part, there was an informal toast and gathering with all employees of Van Wijk Nederland present. Also colleagues from Loading Systems International and Nederland attended the festivities.



The factory buildings of the group company Van Wijk Nederland BV are now being renewed and extended. The construction works started at the beginning of 2010. The first step of this renovation is to give the factory buildings a new and fresher look on the outside. The second step is an extension of the hall. The third step is the installation of new machines and robots.

An extra 1600m² will be added to the existing plant of 2500m². The new plant will be equipped with a new painting cabin, hyper modern robots and a new laser cutter, enabling the whole production process to take place in house. As a result, the company will be able to better respond to the demands of the customer.

Construction is expected to be ready before the summer break. Immediately after, the new hall will be equipped aiming to finalise the project by the end of this year.