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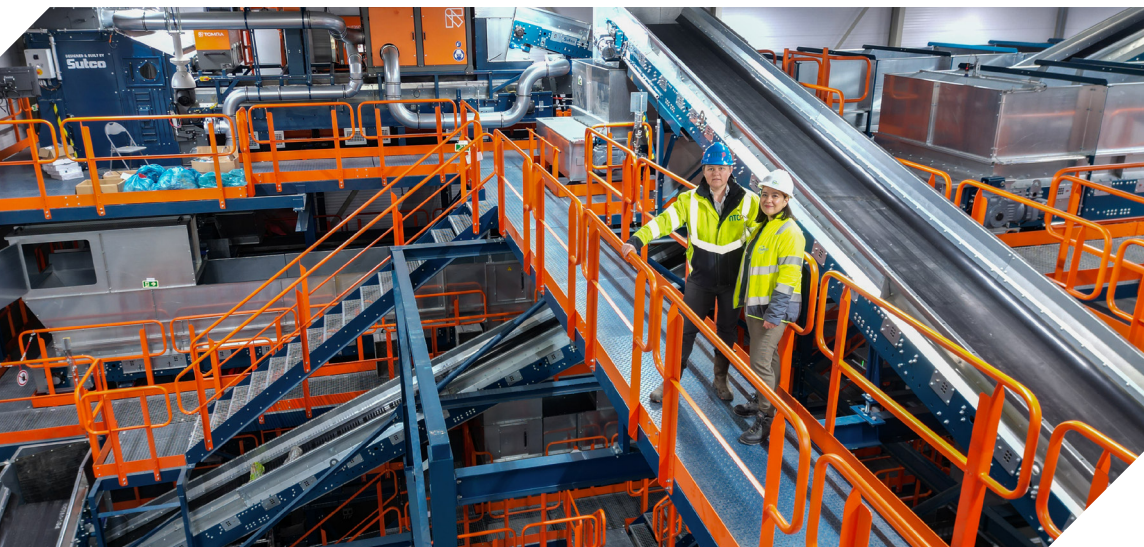
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CONTRACT FOR THE EXTENSIVE EXPANSION OF THE NCTP'S SORTING CAPACITIES

SUTCO® IS DEVELOPING A RESEARCH AND TESTING FACILITY FOR PLASTICS RECYCLING

Heerenveen. Sutco RecyclingTechnik GmbH has been commissioned to comprehensively expand and modernise the sorting capacities of the National Test Centre Circular Plastics (NCTP) in Heerenveen, the Netherlands. Under the motto "Accelerating Plastics Circularity", the NCTP is systematically expanding its existing research and testing facilities to meet the growing demand for innovative solutions in plastics recycling.

As part of the project, Sutco is integrating additional sorting technologies and new process steps into the existing plant. The aim is to create a future-proof research and testing environment that meets the requirements of the plastics and recycling industry.

The industry faces growing challenges: demand for high-purity recycled polymers is rising steadily, whilst at the same time economically viable investments in infrastructure are required. As an independent knowledge centre, the NCTP addresses these requirements and offers companies across the entire plastics value chain the opportunity to test and further develop materials, technologies and processes under real industrial conditions, from sorting and shredding to washing and drying. Based on data-driven analyses, the NCTP supports its partners in optimising processes and sustainably improving the recyclability of materials, with the aim of strengthening the circular economy in the plastics sector and boosting operational efficiency.

"Since we opened in early 2020, we have completed more than 350 projects and supported customers from all over the world with their specific requirements. Demand is growing steadily, as is the need to keep a close eye on developments in an increasingly volatile market. That is why we are working with Sutco, an experienced plant engineer and our preferred partner for the expansion of our sorting plant, to further develop and optimise advanced sorting processes," explains Martine Brandsma, Director of the NCTP.

The new plant, designed and built by Sutco, is due to be completed by spring 2026 and will have a processing capacity of up to two tonnes per hour for various material streams. It includes, among other things, advanced sorting technology, modern analytical equipment for online identification of material streams, an optimised sampling concept, as well as solutions for flexible data handling and seamless material transfer between the sorting and washing plants.

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By further developing the plant, Sutco and the NTCP are creating a high-performance platform for innovation in plastics recycling. This gives plant operators and industry stakeholders the opportunity to test technologies in a real-world setting, optimise processes efficiently and reliably meet future recycling requirements.

Sutco RecyclingTechnik GmbH, based in Bergisch Gladbach, Germany, is an internationally active plant manufacturer with over 600 completed reference projects worldwide, specialising in turnkey sorting and treatment plants for various waste streams. The company offers technologies for dry and organic waste, implemented on a semi- or fully-automated basis. The portfolio is complemented by smart, bespoke solutions. From concept development through production and delivery to installation, after-sales services and training, Sutco covers the entire value chain and has over 40 years' of experience in the field of sorting and processing technology.



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