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**Van der Waay builds new headquarters with test centre**

**Van der Waay, global leader in greenhouse roof cleaners and chalking machines, has started the build of their new headquarters. The new building offers a lot of extra space to the ever-growing activities. A unique component within the new building is the test centre, which rises behind the new workshop. In the test centre, Van der Waay will be able to extensively test its innovative greenhouse roof cleaners and chalking machines before they enter the market.**

The company building, of which the first pile was driven on June 8th, is the first building on the new Green Tech Valley industrial estate. Green Tech Valley is part of the Pot and Container Cultivation area, located between Boskoop and Hazerswoude-Dorp. For Van der Waay it is a new location but in a familiar municipality, where the company is now already located.

**Hypermodern workshop**

"The most important thing is that we will have much more space to fabricate and assemble our machines. In the two company halls we create a hypermodern workshop of 3,000 m2 with which we significantly increase efficiency,” explains Marcel Koolmees, board member and co-owner at Van der Waay. “But at least as important is the test centre that we build behind our new company building. This consists of 1,000 m2 Venlo greenhouses. On and around these six roofs, we will soon have every opportunity to extensively test our machines before they go to the customers. And we will not only test the existing machines, but also innovative developments that we will bring to the market in the future.”

**Much more testing and innovating**

“At the moment it is often difficult for us to test certain improvements on our machines. When we deliver a machine, the customer is obviously not waiting for us to try out a few roofs first, to do experiments with brush A or brush B. Or that we are going to vary in nozzles” says Joost van der Waay, founder and co-owner at Van der Waay. “Nevertheless, we think it is necessary. We are convinced that washing and chalking can be even more accurate. But this requires intensive testing and further development. We are therefore eager to be able to test these innovations at our own test location.”

**Room for new growth**

The office spaces are also located in the company halls where the workshop is housed. “It will be a big improvement. We will soon be able to properly receive our customers and also give them a demonstration if they wish. Moreover, we still have room for expansion on our site; no unnecessary luxury if our business activities continue to grow in the coming years as they do now”, says Tom Zwanenburg, sales manager at Van der Waay.

Van der Waay will be present from June 12th to June 14th at Greentech, The leading trade fair for international greenhouse horticulture, in the RAI in Amsterdam (stand number 12.630)

Photo captions:

Photo 1: An artist impression of the new headquarters with the test center.

Photo 2: The members of the board and their partners were present at the first driving pile. Miranda van der Waay, Marcel Koolmees, Natasja Koolmees and Joost van der Waay (from left to right).

Photo 3: Miranda van der Waay had the honour to drive the first pile.

Photo 4: The entire staff and family members were part of this festive milestone.

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