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Technoplast benefits the acquisition to the Rompa Group

Technoplast with premises in Tilburg has open vacancies for approximately 35 of all 79 Rompa Terheijden employees which are redundant due to the closing of this site. Technoplast however is seeking for new employees which is a result of a recently new awarded Food dedicated project.

Furthermore last week Technoplast announced that Hoogerman Holding, with premises in Czech Republic, China and the US, acquired Technoplast and all its affiliates.

Managing Director Marcel Verbeek explains.

“We are awarded with a large food dedicated project. Due to this new customer we are looking for 35 new employees divided over all departments. We are working on all requirements for each individual open vacancy as we speak.

But I want to emphasize that none of the currently running projects at Rompa will be transferred to Technoplast.

All remaining production or projects at Terheijden will be transferred to Czech Republic or China.” According M. Verbeek.

Technoplast joins Rompa Group

Last weekend Rompa and Technoplast reached to a mutual agreement regarding the acquisition of Technoplast to the Hoogerman Holding. M. Verbeek explains the background of this decision:

“For years Technoplast is sourcing a considerable amount of production and assembly to Rompa Czech Republic and Rompa China. Outsourcing is one the crucial key factors of our strategy.

The type of production which we are outsourcing is a result of cost, or location demands.

We do have customers which are demanding strong local presence on a global scale.

Besides the presence we should be able to coordinate directly on the highest level.

With this acquisition, Technoplast instantly has, besides the premises in the Netherlands, own moulding, thermo-forming and assembly facilities in the Czech Republic and Peoples Republic China as well.

I am one of the shareholders of the Rompa Group.” says M. Verbeek.

‘Rapid market development’

According M.Verbeek the developments on all levels are going “fast”. He expects coming years a shake-out in “Moulding Holland”.

Nevertheless there are 35 open vacancies in Tilburg due to the newly awarded project.

Is this a contradiction? “Manufacturing these food related parts is rather high-tech.

For now this high-tech manufacturing suits Technoplast far more better compared with our sisters in Czech Republic or China.

Furthermore this food related sales is local oriented and profits the absence of logistic costs.

The general tendency to transfer to low cost countries (LCC) is increasing.

Automotive is a good example but also the medical segment tends to do so. High tech part manufacturing maintains in Western Europe however the less complex as well as manual assembly will eventually be transferred to LCC’s.”

‘Outsourcing continues’

Nevertheless there are rumours that the hype of outsourcing to LCC’s has passed its height.

This due to high material and energy costs which are identical, irrespective of the location, and will lower the percentage of manual labour.

“We are familiar with these rumours but I think that more and more injection moulding will disappear from The Netherlands.

Note that a Dutch 3 shift operator costs approx. € 27,-/hr. and an operator in Czech Republic approx. € 8,-/hr.

Keep in mind that wages in Holland will raise with 3% and in Czech Republic with 10% so its easy to calculate how long it will take until labour is on identical level as in Holland.”