



Project News

## **Borealis: final investment decision Taken to expand capacity of PP plant in Kallo, Belgium**

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Borealis is increasing its Polypropylene (PP) capacity in Europe and strengthening its long-term commitment to meet the European customers' needs for innovative polypropylene. The company has taken the final investment decision to expand the capacity of its PP plant in Kallo, Belgium, by 80kt. The added capacity is expected to come on stream in mid-2020.

The capacity increases are aimed to take full advantage of the additional propylene supply coming from the new PDH (propane dehydrogenation) plant in Kallo, Belgium, for which the final investment decision was announced in October this year. Feedstock will be flowing to Beringen via an underground pipeline network, which is the safest and most environmentally friendly transportation mode. Borealis has a well-established, ongoing cooperation with various authorities and stakeholders in Flanders and Belgium, including the Port of Antwerp and Locate-in-Limburg, to support its PP growth ambitions.

"This PP capacity increase will be another significant European investment aimed at serving our European customer base. In Europe, polypropylene supply is not keeping up with increasing demand. With the market tightening and continuous application expansion for PP materials, additional investment is needed to support the growth of our customers. The synergies with the ongoing PDH project in Kallo will ensure a reliable and integrated value chain from feedstock to customers," says Alfred Stern, Borealis Chief Executive.

“Additional capacity will support the increasing demand in flexible and rigid packaging applications, where Borealis technology and products offer enhanced properties to our customers. Additional supply is also needed to support the automotive industry, for which PP is the fastest growing polymer material,” says Maria Ciliberti, Borealis VP Marketing & New Business Development.