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AFRY main partner in Viking Malt's new production plant project in Finland

Viking Malt Group has awarded AFRY Detail Engineering and Project & Construction Management services assignment for a new Malting plant project in Lahti, Finland. The assignment is a continuation of AFRY's services delivered in the feasibility study (2018), pre- and basic engineering (2019-2021) phases.

The nature in the north offers unique raw materials. Clean air, pure water, as well as close and responsibly produced, high-quality malting barley are essential for sustainable malt production. Viking Malt is the largest malt company in Scandinavia, serving the brewing, beverage and food industries globally. Viking Malt Group has decided to make a strategic investment in Lahti, Finland and build a new malting house to replace the existing production plant with a more sustainable one. The production capacity will be approximately 85 000 tons per year. The new malting house will begin operation in 2023.

The new, highly automated and modern production plant will be more efficient in terms of materials, energy, water, emissions and will be designed with increased focus on product safety as well as occupational health and safety.

"This is a very significant investment for our size of a business and one of the biggest investments in the Finnish food and beverage industry during the past 10 years. It is a part of our long-term strategy and in line with our vision for the future. We will develop our export from Lahti delivering malt to more than 15 countries to different continents, while it underlines our commitment to the Lahti region where we have long traditions as a family-owned company plus strong relations with the local farmers securing malt for our customers and local beer drinkers", says Kasper Madsen, CEO of Viking Malt.

"We at AFRY are honoured to have the privilege of being Viking Malt's partner in developing this new strategic investment together from the feasibility study to the current implementation phase. Together with Viking Malt we pursue to deliver a modern and sustainable malting plant to serve the food and beverage industry in Finland and abroad", says Nicholas Oksanen, EVP and Head of Division Process Industries at AFRY.

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