



Chimay is starting up its own wind turbine in partnership with Bee **The brewery uses 90% green electricity at its bottling plant**

Chimay (Baileux) - Since very recently, the blades of the Chimay Group's wind turbine have been turning in the wind on its production site. The installation of this wind turbine is part of a sustainable development plan created in collaboration with Belgian Eco Energy, a Belgian company that is active in the development of tailor-made renewable energy projects. Reaching 150 metres in height, this wind turbine, installed on the Baileux industrial estate, will produce up to 5,200 megawatt-hours of green electricity per year, which will power the brewery's bottling plant located right next to it. The excess energy produced will be fed into the public grid.

"Our ethos is to leave the world in the best possible state for generations to come, with the smallest possible footprint", explains Xavier Pirlot, General Director of Bières de Chimay.

Embarking on this new stage allows the Chimay Group to produce its beers and cheeses more sustainably and independently. Each year, the brewery invests between 3 and 5 million euros in its equipment and premises, always with a desire to ensure the longevity of the company and the production of quality products and to improve its energy efficiency. By 2019, 1,200 solar panels had already been installed on the roof of the building, and the new bottling line, which is more efficient and economic, had been unveiled.

For Bee, this is a new demonstration of its know-how in the development of renewable energy projects designed for companies wishing to move away from traditional energy sources. With this long-term partnership, Bee is firmly establishing its future-looking vision.

Details and technical specifications:

<u>Total wind turbine height</u>	<u>150m</u>
<u>Blade length</u>	<u>51.5 m</u>
<u>Area swept by the blades</u>	<u>8,332 m² (the size of a football pitch)</u>
<u>Power generated</u>	<u>2 MW</u>
<u>Annual energy production</u>	<u>5,200 MWh</u>



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About the Chimay Group

The activities of the Chimay monastery date back to 1850. The Chimay Group (Bières de Chimay, Chimay Fromage, Discobeer, Auberge de Poteaupré, Fondation Chimay-Wartoise, Scourmont Abbey, Solidarité Cistercienne, ...) employs more than 250 people. In addition, the group's activity creates many indirect jobs in the region, in particular with the region's dairy farmers.

Beyond the all-important human aspect, Chimay also invests in respecting the planet and its resources. Since the beginning, the brewery and dairy have donated most of their profits to community aid.

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