

Press Release



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The cooperative Terres du Sud acquires a stake in Antarctic Foods, a frozen vegetable specialist in the South-West of France.

Antarctic Foods Aquitaine, a specialist in frozen vegetables in the South-West of France, welcomes the Terres du Sud group, the leading agricultural cooperation situated in Lot-et-Garonne, to its capital to support its development and growth.

Starting on the 10th of September 2020, this participation will enable Antarctic Foods to consolidate a fruitful partnership initiated several years ago with the Fruit and Vegetables branch of the Terres du Sud group. In 2019, its members produced more than 36,000 tonnes of conventional and organic sweet corn, peas and green beans for Antarctic Foods. The strengthening of this partnership has already led to a 54% increase in the area under contract in 2020, with more than 3,800 hectares under cultivation.

Promoting the value of local and sustainable production

The entry of Terres du Sud into the capital of Antarctic Foods aims to achieve a common objective of enhancing the value of the production of their territory by relying on crops of 100% traceable, homogenous quality, with trusted farmers.

This strengthened collaboration should help support the development of Antarctic Foods Aquitaine towards a production of 45,000 tonnes of finished products. Terres du Sud ensures the supply of ultra-fresh vegetables to meet the demand of a growing frozen vegetable market. Terres du Sud and Antarctic Foods thus facilitate consumer access to locally grown vegetables, produced with sustainable techniques whilst respecting natural resources.

About Antarctic Foods Aquitaine

Based in Ychoux, in the north of the Landes, Antarctic Foods Aquitaine is specialised in the production of frozen vegetables, both organic and conventional, cultivated in the South-West of France. The family owned company, managed by Herwig Dejonghe, permanent representative of Vijverbos NV, CEO and major shareholder, employs 63 FTEs and up to 100 in high season. Antarctic Foods has developed a strong position in the segment of frozen vegetables with French origin, and herewith plays a competitive role in the European market of frozen sweet corn, carrots and green beans. For the fiscal year of 2019-2020, the company produced 35000 tons of frozen vegetables for a sales turnover of 23 million EUR. www.antarcticfoods.com.

About Groupe Terres du Sud

*The cooperative Terre du Sud is a major player in agriculture and food supply in the South-West of France, bringing together 6000 farmers from the departments Lot-et-Garonne, Gironde, Dordogne and the Landes. The recognised know-how of its producers and the varied natural conditions of its territory have historically enabled it to develop a wide variety of vegetable and fruit produce. Based in Clairac (47), chaired by Patrick Grizou and managed by Michel Clairefond, the Terres du Sud group is organised in 6 business units (Vegetables, Fruit and Vegetables, Palmipeds, Poultry, Ruminants and Pigs, Distribution), employs 1,497 people and achieved a turnover of €572 million.
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