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Limagrain announces the construction of a new wheat mill in Auvergne

Limagrain's agri-business site located in the townships of Ennezat and Saint-Ignat (Puy-de-Dôme) will open a new wheat mill in 2022. This 22-million-euro investment will contribute to the development of Limagrain's milling activity, led by its Business Unit Limagrain Ingredients. This new tool will have production capabilities of 110,000 tonnes of flour / year.

This new tool is part of Limagrain's strategy to establish short agri-business channels in order to bring added value to the wheat production of the Cooperative's farmer members. This unique integrated chain in France ensures complete traceability, from seeds to flour. The flours produced by Limagrain Ingredients are designed for Jacquet Brossard, the regional artisan bakery chain "From Seeds to Bread," and the agri-food industry.

With this new mill, Limagrain seeks to continue to supply high quality wheat and to equip itself with a tool that will meet the coming changes in market expectations and requirements with regard to traceability and stability, including for baby food. It will replace the two existing mills in Bouzel and Gerzat which produce 85,000 tonnes of flour / year. Their current structures cannot be expanded. Its geographic location will also have a positive impact on the environment because 70,000 km of transportation by truck per year will no longer be required to take the wheat to one of the existing mills.

"We are proud to announce the construction of this major project that will, on the one hand, enable local companies to share their know-how during the work, which should begin in summer 2020, and on the other hand, provide a showcase to demonstrate our region's agri-food expertise once the mill is completed," says Pascal VIGUIER, Limagrain Chairman.

Download link for the project in 3D.

Limagrain is an agricultural cooperative owned by close to 1,500 farmers located in Limagne Val d'Allier (in the center of France) and an international seed group with more than 10,000 employees in 56 countries. The Group breeds, produces, and distributes field seeds, vegetable seeds, and cereal products. Focused on the genetic progress of plants, it is driven by its purpose: cooperating for the progress of agriculture everywhere, for everyone.

As the fourth largest seed company worldwide, Limagrain, with well-known brands on their markets such as LG, Vilmorin, Hazera, Harris Moran, Jacquet, and Brossard, makes **1,833 million euros in sales, to which is added 678 million euros in sales made jointly with its strategic partners**.

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