



BAXTER INVESTS IN COGENERATION AT ITS LESSINES SITE

- **New investments totalling €8 million to cover 68% of electricity requirements for the site**
- **A 35% reduction in CO₂ emissions, plus a 75% reduction in NO_x and SO_x**
- **The project is set to be up and running in 2011**

Lessines, 17th November 2009 – Baxter continues to demonstrate its practical commitment to sustainable development with this new cogeneration project at its Lessines site. Since 2005, for each unit produced, Baxter has already managed to reduce water consumption by 36%, energy by 22% and waste by 25%. With this new cogeneration project, it will be able to reduce CO₂ emissions by 35% and NO_x and SO_x emissions (two substances responsible for acid rain) by 75%. Furthermore, this venture will also help move over from using heavy fuel to natural gas to produce hot water, which will significantly reduce the need for tanker lorries to access the site, in other words, 120 lorries a year.

Cogeneration at the Lessines site is part of the investment plan for 2009 to 2012, subsidised by the Walloon Region and the European Union, which was announced last August. Once again, it demonstrates the group's desire to secure the sustainability of its activities in Wallonia. The work will begin in June 2010, and the power station should be operational in September 2011.

A sustainable vision of economic growth

Cogeneration involves producing thermal and mechanical energy at the same time and in the same system. Thermal energy generates steam and hot water, which Baxter needs to produce and sterilise perfusion bags. The mechanical energy is transformed into electrical power by an alternator. This technique combines energy, economic and ecological advantages to help deal with the considerable rise in production at the Lessines site in the next few years.

“Sustainability is a key concern for Baxter. For example this year, for the 7th time, we were named as the industry leader by the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index (DJSI World). Our commitment goes much further than our desire to protect the environment. It is based on a long-term approach, and we are well aware, as one of our country's key financial players, of our social, economic and environmental responsibilities. The efforts made by Baxter in this area go hand in hand with our philosophy, which is to save and sustain lives,” explains Renaud Mazy, Plant Manager MD/Renal for Baxter Lessines.

Sustainability report

Further information about Baxter's activities and projects can be found in the sustainability report which is available on request in French or Dutch, as well as on the website www.baxter.be (only in English).

About Baxter Corporate and Baxter Belgium

Baxter International Inc. develops, manufactures and markets products which help to significantly save and sustain lives of patients affected by haemophilia, immunodeficiency, infectious diseases, renal failure, physical trauma and other chronic and severe conditions. As an international, diversified healthcare company, Baxter draws on its expertise in medical devices, drugs and biotechnology to create products which will improve the condition of patients all around the world.

Baxter Belgium employs more than 2,250 people in Belgium. It has a major Research & Development Centre in Nivelles and another facility in Lessines where the group boasts a large production unit which manufactures medicines using plasma derivatives and products intended to provide renal dialysis, as well

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as a European Distribution Centre. The head office of Baxter Belux is in Brussels. Baxter is one of the Top 10 private employers in Wallonia and number 2 in the Hainaut Province. What's more, Baxter ploughs more than €30 million a year into research and development, and this year announced a further investment of €70 million in Lessines between 2009 and 2012, along with the creation of 175 new jobs. Baxter is therefore the 2nd largest American company in Wallonia, all sectors combined.

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