

## **PreZero Recycling Nederland starts construction of light packaging sorting**

First cut of the spade in Zwolle – opening planned for January 2020

**Zwolle / NL, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019.** With the symbolic groundbreaking ceremony today, PreZero Recycling Nederland started the construction of a new sorting plant in Zwolle. From January 2020, around 80,000 tonnes of light packaging will be processed annually in the east of the Dutch provincial capital. The fully automatic facility's equipment will correspond qualitatively to the latest state-of-the-art. The cost of the project, which will create about 70 new jobs, is estimated by Prezero Recycling Nederland at about 30 million euros.

### **Optimum framework conditions in Zwolle**

Stephan Garvs, CEO of PreZero Wertstoffmanagement, emphasised the relevance of the investment in front of guests from administration, politics and business: "The sorting plant, which we will be building here over the next few months, underlines our idea of a smart recycling cycle that sees all aspects as part of a larger whole – from a fully recyclable product, trade and disposal, to sustainable recycling. In this context, Garvs also pointed out the first-class conditions in the region: "In Zwolle, we found framework conditions that convinced us in every way – a pragmatic administration, an excellent infrastructure and enthusiastic people."

### **Contribution to disposal security**

René de Heer, deputy mayor of the city of Zwolle, welcomed the decision to build the sorting plant for light packaging in his municipality: "With this investment, PreZero is making an important contribution towards the security of waste disposal in the state and to the reduction of climate-damaging CO<sup>2</sup> emissions. The fact that we also have 70 crisis-proof jobs in the promising recycling industry is also very important to us."

Machiel van Haaften, director of the environmental cooperative Midwaste, was particularly impressed by the technical design of the plant: "The many years of know-how of all those involved form the basis for a number of innovations that guarantee high quality throughout the treatment process. The high degree of purity of the sorted materials contributes to the fact that the material can be used as a raw material in new production cycles and, as such, contributes to the conservation of natural resources."

**About PreZero**

PreZero is one of the leading disposal and environmental service providers in Germany. With innovative and sustainable approaches, the company pursues the goal of reducing the waste of resources in waste disposal to zero at 80 locations, employing more than 3,000 staff members in Germany and Europe. Recyclable material cycles are closed and smart solutions ensure that today's waste can become tomorrow's raw materials. PreZero combines the expertise and performance from 90 years of the Tönsmeier Group's logistics and waste disposal service and long experience in trading as a company of the Schwarz Group with easy access to disposal and recycling via the digital platform PreZero.com.

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