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Minister Yves Coppieters visits Prayon, a committed Walloon industrial player and pioneer of the circular economy

On Wednesday, September 24, 2025, Mr Yves Coppieters, Walloon Minister for Health and the Environment, visited Prayon's Engis site and corporate services headquarters in Flémalle. The visit highlighted Prayon's investments in the environment and well-being, as well as its circular economy model.



During his visit, the Minister was able to discover Prayon's pioneering role in circularity. For almost half a century, the high-quality gypsum produced by Prayon has been recycled by its neighbor to make plaster for the construction and concrete industries. This exemplary cooperation saves virgin raw materials every year.

As part of its drive for continuous improvement, Prayon invests heavily to enhance its environmental footprint. *"At the Engis site alone, several tens of millions of euros are spent every year on maintenance, plant modernization and environmental projects designed to reduce emissions"* , comments Prayon CEO Geoffrey Close. Among its flagship industrial projects is the construction of a new state-of-the-art plant for the production of phosphate salts used in the technical and food industries.

Prayon was also able to share its initiatives in favor of the well-being of its 1,500 employees, including over 800 in Wallonia. The Minister discovered Prayon's new headquarters in Flémalle, a welcoming building offering a modern, friendly working environment that encourages collaboration.

For Yves Coppieters, Minister for the Environment: *"Prayon is a true Walloon jewel, among the world leaders in its sector. I salute the company's constant efforts to combine industrial excellence with a reduction in its environmental footprint: through far-reaching*



circular economy initiatives and ongoing investments to improve its environmental performance, an absolute necessity to preserve public health and ensure the future of our industrial activities in Wallonia."

The visit, which was attended by the mayor of Engis, Marc Voué, provided an opportunity to exchange views on these essential themes, which reflect Prayon's determination to combine industrial development, social responsibility and respect for people, while remaining part of a sustainable dynamic.

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About Prayon

With a heritage of over 140 years' experience in phosphorus chemistry, our 1,500 employees are committed to providing our customers with sustainable solutions to improve their products, whether in building materials, electronics, horticulture, food or healthcare. At Prayon, we are also proud to offer innovative technical solutions and world-class equipment that equip more than half of the world's phosphoric acid plants. Committed to building a sustainable future, we develop more efficient processes, protect resources and promote a circular economy.

Based in Belgium, the Prayon Group has production sites in Belgium, France, Switzerland and the United States, and is owned by two shareholders, OCP and Wallonie Entreprendre (WE).