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Unique investment in Slovakia. CRH Slovakia invests millions of euro in new production line for alternative fuels

- **Ecorec Slovakia, a subsidiary of CRH Slovakia, has received a 3.6 million investment to its Pezinok plant**
- **This is one of the largest investments made in Slovak waste management in recent years**
- **The new production line, converting waste into environmentally friendly fuel, will increase its production by 50%**

The ecorec site in Pezinok will process industrial waste, non-recyclable residuals from plastics sorting, automotive waste, paper and other waste which cannot be recycled any further, to an alternative fuel used for cement production in CRH's plants, helping Slovakia to cope with environmental challenges.

Managing Director of CRH North Danube, Klaus Födinger, commented: *"The investment in the new alternative fuels production line is not only an investment in our ecorec waste management business, but also an investment in Slovak waste management, as thanks to the new production line we can help Slovakia divert waste from landfills."*

Cement production is an energy-intensive process and the co-processing of alternative fuels in cement manufacturing to replace fossil fuels is more environmentally friendly and makes use of a range of society's waste and by-products.

The Pezinok plant will process Slovak waste from all regions, thus helping Slovakia to divert it from landfills. Thanks to the investment, ecorec's alternative fuels production capacity will increase from the current 50,000 tons of waste to 75,000 tons of waste per year.

Klaus Födinger points out that the advantages of co-processing of alternative fuels are clear: reduces the use of fossil fuels, helps to reduce CO₂ emissions, diverts waste from landfills, and supports the circular economy.

"As we can see, this is an investment in the environment, given that the use of alternative fuels instead of fossil fuels protects non-renewable natural resources and, thanks to the biomass that is part of them, also reduces production CO₂ emissions," adds Klaus Födinger.

Using alternative fuel can potentially mitigate 30% to 40% of CO₂ emissions compared to traditional fossil fuels such as coal. Thanks to the use of alternative fuels and continuous investments in environmental protection technologies, CRH cement plants in Slovakia have reduced their combined CO₂ emissions by almost 20% over the last 15 years.



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