

Groupe Atlantic plans €150m heat pump plant

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Groupe Atlantic will build the new plant in the SaôneOr joint development zone in the Grand Chalon

FRANCE: French HVAC company Groupe Atlantic has announced its intention to establish a new €150m heat pump manufacturing site in France in 2024.

This new 35,000m² facility will occupy a 19-hectare site in the SaôneOr joint development zone in the Grand Chalon, around 125km north of Lyon. It will be the company's third heat pump plant in France. The other two are in northern France at Billy-Berclau and Merville.

Construction of the new factory is expected to commence in 2024 for delivery in 2025 and a potential expansion in 2027. The plant is expected to be producing 180,000 monoblock outdoor and indoor units by 2028 (150,000 heat pumps were produced by Groupe Atlantic in 2022).

Groupe Atlantic claims to be France's number one HVAC manufacturer and no2 in Europe with 31 industrial sites, 13,000 employees worldwide, and a turnover of €3bn. Its current heating brands include Atlantic, Ideal, Hamworthy, ACV and Keston.

Heat pump production commenced at the Ideal Heating factory in Hull, UK, earlier this year. It is also constructing a new £10m R&D facility for low carbon heating solutions at the Hull site, in addition to two specialised heat pump R&D centres in France.

Earlier this year, the company took a stake in UK CO2 heat pump manufacturer Clade Engineering Systems and acquired German geothermal heat pump company Hautech Wärmepumpen in 2021.

At the end of last year, Groupe Atlantic announced a joint venture with Fujitsu General to produce air-to-water heat pumps at the Billy-Berclau factory.

