

ENERGY TRANSITION UNDERWAY AT 3B-FIBREGLASS

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On the site of the 3B plant in Battice, a large-scale project is underway: more than 3,500 photovoltaic panels are being installed. They will soon supply renewable electricity to the glass fibre manufacturer. An important step in 3B's energy transition.

For many years, 3B has been pursuing an **active sustainable development policy** and reducing its environmental footprint. Significant results have been achieved by optimising manufacturing processes and energy efficiency. For example, over the last two decades, 3B has achieved a 42% reduction in the specific energy consumption of its Battice plant. But it is necessary to go further, not only to **meet the CO₂ emission reduction targets** set by the Walloon (Walloon Energy and Climate Plan 2030) and European authorities (Green Deal), requiring a zero-carbon industry by 2050, but also to **face the current energy crisis**.

Among the many projects planned to achieve its objectives and secure its operations in this complex context, 3B has launched a first **renewable energy project in Battice**. It consists in installing photovoltaic panels on the plant's roofs. Subsequently, 3B will apply for a permit for the installation of panels above the car park and on various plots of land on the plant site. Similar work is being considered for the 3B research centre located Rue de Charneux, as well as for various improvements around the two sites.

During this **first phase** of work, no less than **3,568 photovoltaic panels** of 455Wp for a capacity of 1.6 MWp are being installed by the company Enersol, also located in Battice, a stone's throw from the 3B plant.

"This is an important project for us. Even if it only covers a small part of our plant's electricity consumption, it represents an important step towards carbon neutrality and energy diversification. We know that there is **no single solution, but a combination of solutions**. We are working every day to reduce our consumption, we are putting in place efficient methods and devices while evaluating technological innovations that can be implemented in the future. This is a priority for 3B," says Jonathan Noël, 3B's Battice plant director.



3B-the fibreglass company is an industrial company that manufactures glass fibre for the reinforcement of composite materials used in the automotive and wind industries. 3B has three production sites, located in Battice (Belgium), Birkeland (Norway) and Goa (India). It employs around 1,000 people worldwide, including almost 500 in Belgium.

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