

BIC OPENS NEW WRITING INSTRUMENT FACTORY IN SAMER (North of France)

On October 23, BIC celebrated the opening of its new writing instrument factory in Samer (Nothern France) in the presence of Gonzalve BICH, Executive Vice-President of BIC Group.

This 29,500-meter square facility, which will house both the production and Research and Development functions will become a global center of expertise and innovation in the field of graphite and coloring products (the core activity of the factory).

This ambitious project to modernize the Group's facilities in the region was possible thanks to the solid partnerships established with local companies, and the active support of the city of Samer and the administration of Boulogne-sur-Mer.

The new BIC Samer site forms part of the Group's objective to reduce the environmental impact of its production facilities. As such this new facility, designed with environmental responsibility in mind, makes the careful use of recycled materials, rainwater recovery, heat pumps, and cold heat recovery units wherever appropriate. The plant is also ISO 14001 and 50001 certified.

"The new BIC Factory in Samer continues the historical production of writing instruments in the region, where the first Conté workshops were conceived. This new facility strengthens our commitment to the region and manufacturing expertise with a fully integrated and competitive production site", commented Gonzalve BICH, Executive Vice-President.

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