

## STEF installs solar panels in its transport site near Brussels

**STEF Transport Saintes became the first transport site of Group STEF in Belgium to be fitted with solar panels. The site will use almost 100% of the electricity generated. This investment shows STEF's commitment to develop innovative eco-friendly infrastructures.**

Koen Torrekens, Managing Director of STEF Belgium said: *"Adding value to the real estate of the Group is historically a key element of our development as it reinforces our expertise in cold storage logistics facilities. We differentiate ourselves with real estate solutions which offer the best value in order to meet the needs of our customers and accompany the development of the Group. By setting up these solar panels on the STEF Saintes Transport site, our objective is to make better use of our unused roofs for the benefit of a sustainable development. The site will use close to 100% of the electricity generated. STEF Transport Saintes will also receive "green certificates" which will enable it to resell the electricity to power suppliers. We plan to get a return on our investment within five years, through our electricity consumption (one third of the initial investment) and through green certificates (two thirds of initial investment)".*



Roof of the STEF Transport Saintes site

### Main features

- Surface equipped with solar panels: 1 664 m<sup>2</sup> (for a total roof area of 4 000 m<sup>2</sup>).
- Number of solar panels: 1 035.
- Installed power capacity: 250 kWh.
- Estimated annual production: 210 000 kWh.
- Equal to the electricity consumption of 36 homes.
- Reduction of 540 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions over 10 years.

### Technologies used

- Polycrystalline silicon panels (CanadianSolar).
- Installed on a weighted independent structure.

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### STEF Transport Saintes

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Located close to Brussels, STEF Transport Saintes has 110 employees, including 40 drivers. The site offers 4,300 m<sup>2</sup> of cold (+2°C / +4°C) and frozen (-25°C) storage. It delivers food products all over Belgium with more than 45 daily departures and close to 200 points of delivery (450 tons of goods delivered per day). The site also ships to Spain, France, Italy and Holland. With over 320 points of delivery, 650 tons of goods are shipped to Europe (Belgium excluded) every day.

STEF Transport Saintes works in close partnership with the STEF Logistics Saintes site, specialised in the storage and order preparation of processed food products (fresh and frozen).

## **STEF Belgium**

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STEF is the European specialist for temperature-controlled logistics for all food and thermo-sensitive products. Our mission is to create a safe link between manufacturers and retail outlets. The Group specialises in and brings together all the transport, logistics and I.T. skills necessary to temperature-controlled flows (-25°C / +18°C). With a presence in Belgium since 1989, STEF today operates three sites in a country ideally located at the crossroads of northern and western Europe.

STEF Belgium's Key figures:

- 285 employees
- 3 sites
- 75 self-owned vehicles
- 2012 turnover (Belgium + Holland): € 48 M
- Logistics operations: STEF Logistics Saintes
- Transport operations: STEF Transport Saintes

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