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Press release

Eurovia (VINCI Group) reinforces its industrial assets in North Carolina

Through its American subsidiary Blythe Construction, Eurovia has just acquired a number of assets from the Crowder Construction Company based in Charlotte, N.C., in the United States. The assets acquired are the two Crowder coating plants, which produce over 600,000 tonnes of asphalt mix per year, and the company's laying equipment. The 68 Crowder employees will be joining the teams at Blythe, which has an existing workforce of 620 and generated net sales of €125 million in 2004.

The acquisition makes Blythe the leading producer of asphalt mix in the Charlotte area, with five coating plants producing 1.2 million tonnes annually. This leadership gives Blythe a decisive advantage with respect to supplying asphalt mix to outside companies and participating in major motorway projects, in a region undergoing exceptional development.

Eurovia is represented in the United States by its subsidiaries Blythe in North and South Carolina and Hubbard in Florida. With total net sales of €340 million, these two companies specialise in road infrastructure construction, especially under design-build contracts.

Eurovia, a VINCI subsidiary, is one of the world leaders in roadworks. With 36,000 employees, the company has operations in 16 countries through 300 roadworks entities and 800 industrial production plants. Eurovia generated net sales of €5.7 billion in 2004.

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