

PRESS RELEASE
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PB Leiner opens new SOLUGEL™ production facility in Santa Fe

PB Leiner (part of Tessenlerlo Group) has inaugurated a new collagen peptides line today at its site in Santa Fe (Argentina). The added production facility will allow for a considerable extra production volume of SOLUGEL™ collagen peptides.

“Global demand for collagen peptides is on the rise, on account of its nutritious benefits. This local investment will enable a global supply in the markets we serve,” states Wim Poot, Executive Vice President of PB Leiner.



Festivities at PB Leiner’s Sauce Viejo plant: both workers and external stakeholders were invited today to the official inauguration of the brand new collagen peptides line. Santa Fe Governor Omar Ángel Perotti cut the ribbon in the presence of Stefaan Haspeslagh, Chairman of Tessenlerlo Group, the parent company of PB Leiner, Wim Poot, and Cesar Carrilero, Plant Director at PB Leiner Sauce Viejo. The Belgian Ambassador to Argentina, Mr. Peter Maddens, also attended the ceremony. The new production hall will allow for a considerable extra production capacity of SOLUGEL™.

The new facility is a fitting response to a global consumer trend: *“Global demand for collagen peptides is on the rise,”* says Wim Poot. He continues: *“Our SOLUGEL™ supports skin, bone, and joint health, and is an ideal protein source to support weight management diets, and even patient recovery. This local investment will enable a global supply in the markets we serve. Moreover, the quality of the product*



manufactured here is among the highest in the market: our Santa Fe employees may rightfully be proud of the state-of-the-art facility they built."

The Sauce Viejo plant was founded in 1988 and has been steadily growing ever since, increasing both its capacity and its product range. Today, the plant employs over 180 people. Next to gelatin production, which the Santa Fe plant started off with in 1988, the plant has been producing collagen peptides since 2016. The new line will account for 10 direct new jobs being created.

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About PB Leiner

PB Leiner is an established global player with production sites in Asia, Europe, North and South America. PB Leiner supplies a complete range of high quality gelatins and collagen peptides, tailoring solutions to its customers' applications in food, health, beauty and pharma markets. PB Leiner employs approximately 1,100 people worldwide, and is part of Tessengerlo Group.

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