



History

The Geel site was established on 16 March 1967, with the name Amoco Chemical Belgium N.V.

- An area was purchased on the Geel industrial estate, situated between the Albert Canal and the motorway E313. The site is 45 km away from Antwerp and is part of the Kempen chemical cluster stretching along the Albert Canal.
- In 1969 the unit for the production of purified terephthalic acid (PTA) and dimethyl terephthalate (closed down in 1988) came on line.
- In 1973 production of isophthalic acid was started, followed by the production of polypropylene (PP) in 1976.
- In the nineties important new investments followed for the production of PTA, purified isophthalic acid (PIA) and PP.
- In the first quarter of 2000, the new PX unit came.
- Meanwhile, on 31 December 1998, BP and Amoco had merged to become BP Amoco. In April 2000 the group was renamed BP.
- In 2001 the PTA3 production capacity was expanded to 650,000 tonnes annually.
- In 2004 BP sold the PIA business to the American Flint Hills Resources, but nearly all employees concerned stay on working for BP. This means that BP produces PIA in Geel on behalf of Flint Hills Resources.
- In 2005 the BP Group consolidates an important part of its chemical activities in a separate entity. This includes the Geel polypropylene production. The new company is named Innovene, but continues to work closely with BP in Geel. On 7 October 2005 BP announces the intention to sell Innovene to Ineos.

BP in Geel now

The production of high quality chemicals on the Geel site is BP in Belgium's most important activity.

- BP in Geel is a world-class production site.
- BP employs about 400 staff members and an average of 150 partners (contractors and permanent subcontractors).
- The most important products the Geel site manufactures are purified isophthalic acid (PIA), purified terephthalic acid (PTA), and paraxylene (PX).
- PTA and PIA are mostly used in the manufacturing of polyester fibres, film and packaging resins (such as for the fabrication of PET bottles), as well as coatings and glass reinforced plastic fibres. PX is a raw material for the production of PTA and is exclusively for in-house use in the Geel operations.
- Markets: 75 % EU, 25 % rest of the world.

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BP in Geel

Welcome

We are a community of about 400 employees, and on average 150 partners who work together with us in the plant.

We are an important production centre of purified terephthalic acid (PTA), purified isophthalic acid (PIA) and paraxylene (PX).

We are a production centre providing an income to about 1300 households.

We are part of the local community in which we are situated and where the majority of our employees live. We want to be good neighbours.

We are a company, intending to be economically successful without compromising safety, the environment or endangering the health of everyone who works for us, lives near to the plant or buys and processes our products.

We are a company which produces materials that make life warmer, more colourful, softer and simply more pleasant.

We are BP in Geel.

