

100 jobs announced for Tipperary by one of Ireland's leading environmental solutions companies

AQS Environmental Solutions, the Irish owned provider of next generation environmental solutions to the national industrial, commercial and domestic markets, today announced the creation of 100 jobs and an investment of EUR15M in its new Headquarters in Thurles, Co Tipperary. The new AQS HQ will be based in the former BSN factory, which closed with the loss of a significant number of jobs in 2006.

The new jobs will be created across the company's environmental engineering; operations and administrative functions. Rapid expansion of its business base is cited as the reason for the move to the new site and the creation of the new jobs. The company delivers an increasing range of drainage, environmental and waste management solutions to clients in the Local Authority, Food Processing, Mining, Retail, Construction, Pharmaceutical, Aviation, Power Generation, Transport and Agricultural sectors.

AQS Environmental Solutions is a member of The Arlo Group. Other Group companies due also to be based at the new HQ include Acorn Recycling, a waste management and environmental consultancy specialising in the handling and treatment of all organic wastes and JHL Sales, a provider of specialised machinery to the environmental sectors in Ireland, the UK and throughout Europe.

Commenting on the announcement, Liam Kearney, Managing Director, The Arlo Group said, "We are delighted to be in the position to announce over 100 jobs for Thurles with the opening of our new HQ at Archerstown. My brother Donal and I are from the local area and co-founded AQS 10 years ago, where from small beginnings we've expanded our business throughout the UK and Europe, and become one of Ireland's leading environmental solutions companies, so it's especially gratifying now to give something back to our local area, which has been hit with numerous high profile job losses over recent years.

With the creation of our Group of companies and as we continue to invest in and expand our businesses in the coming years, our new Thurles HQ will be well positioned to act as the national centre for our Group's activities and will direct

operations at our business hubs in Dublin, Limerick, Cork and throughout the UK and Europe”.

“The creation of our Thurles HQ highlights our progressive growth over the past number of years. The site represents a fantastic opportunity for the Group to develop and it offers excellent potential for the future expansion of our service offerings to our loyal and growing customer base as we continue to strive to be the very best and most efficient provider of environmental solutions in Ireland” stated Donal Kearney, Operations Director, Arlo Group.

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