

The Minister of Territory and Sustainability visits Ercros Flix factory to know the actions carried out by the company for the improvement of environmental.

The Minister of Territory and Sustainability, Damià Calvet, has seen first-hand, during the visit that he has already held today to the Ercros Flix factory – together with the local Major, Marc Mur, and other local and regional authorities–, the actions of decommissioning of old plants of the factory, non-operational currently, and the affected soil decontamination works that Ercros committed in 2017 to solve.

Specifically, in accordance with the road map, two old storages (Alsuta and Exterior) have been dismantled since 1997, which has required managing 5,500 tons of waste. To accelerate the decontamination of the soil where these storages and other areas of the affected factory were located, five steam extraction plants have been built, three of which are already operational and the other two are expected to be operational, along the second part of this year.

The Minister has also been able to verify the operations being done in the electrolysis plant with mercury technology, which was stopped by the 10th of December last year, in compliance with the European ban on the use of mercury in industrial processes. The shutdown of this plant has required the construction of a mercury storage space to store the mercury coming from the cells of the plant; the emptying of mercury from these cells and the emptying and cleaning of other equipment and circuits; the decontamination of equipment that has been in contact with mercury, which is still running; and the elaboration of the electrolysis facilities dismantling project, which has already been submitted to the competent administration.

In addition to continuing with the actions already undertaken that have not yet been finalized, during the second half of 2018 and 2019 the company has planned and provisioned the project to dismantle the rest of the non-operational facilities and start that dismantling.

Ercros carries out its activities within a framework of maximum security for people and facilities and an absolute respect for the environment. All its production centres are accredited according to the OHSAS 18001 prevention standard and the ISO 14001 and ISO 14064 environmental standards.

The company voluntarily submits to the evaluation of the international Responsible Care programs in the chemical sector and the Global Compact of the UN, which verify the efforts made by companies to make their activity compatible with the improvement of sustainability.

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