



CASE STUDY FOOD INDUSTRY

Diary of a crisis

Smoke is still drifting from the premises when the BELFOR experts arrive. The first measure to be taken: stop the corrosion.

A BELFOR team of 50 specialists is involved in the huge operation two days after the damage. 40,000 cubic metres of dry air are applied to the site. Rapid readiness to take action, constant availability of the appropriate resources, provision of the right technical equipment – all of these features are specialties of BELFOR that characterise professional restoration. The BELFOR experts arrive at premises to assess the situation. Two-thirds of the site has indeed been destroyed and six production lines have been damaged, but they've been saved. Before long, everyone agrees that corrosion protection is now the most important task. 50 restoration experts are on site.

The biggest damage that BELFOR Belgium ever had to deal with occurred due to a fire disaster at one of the country's largest industrial bakeries last autumn. The company, which supplies several supermarket chains with bakery products, has 1,300 employees. The magnitude of the fire required immediate evacuation of the residents, the damage for the company was immense.

Alarm at 5 am

It happened in the early hours of the morning: all is quiet in a Belgian town until, at 5 o'clock, fire breaks out. People living nearby are abruptly awoken from their peaceful Sunday morning slumber and told to keep windows and doors shut. Workers at the industrial bakery are able to escape the fire. No one is injured. 500 people are evacuated.

Five hours later

The fire brigade are still fighting the blaze. The damage is already estimated to total several million euros. The most important task is to ensure that the fire cannot reach the area where ammonia is stored. Reinforcements are called in from five neighbouring towns.

Recognising the situation, BELFOR taking action

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Before long, everyone agrees that corrosion protection is now the most important task. 50 restoration experts are on site. A few days later there will be more than double that number. It is a huge operation, but it's worth it. Just nine days after the start of our intervention, the company is able to restart the first damaged production line. It can therefore once again fully supply two big Belgian supermarket chains with baked goods. Bread and sandwiches are back on the shelves – just as before.

Great commitment – to the benefit of everyone

Today BELFOR is able to hand all of the production lines back to the client - completely restored and in top condition. The client gives BELFOR 10 out of 10 for its work – top marks! BELFOR invoiced Euro 1.8 million for the job.

