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Kerry Group announces official opening of its new €20 million production facility in Tumkur, India

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This is Kerry Group's fourth significant investment in India and supports 150 new jobs in factory management and production, with further expansion and an additional 150 jobs planned when running at full capacity in the future.

"Our Tumkur facility will enable Kerry to offer a broader range of technologies, and more comprehensive scientific research and innovation and application expertise across Kerry's Taste & Beverage Systems, to our customers with unrivalled speed," commented Scott Scharinger, Kerry's VP and General Manager, SWA.

The Tumkur facility also supports Kerry's ambition for sustainable production. The site is equipped with energy efficient LED technology and maximises natural light to reduce energy consumption. Utilities make use of solar power, and the site has been constructed with capacity to deliver more of its future energy needs from renewable sources.

Water harvesting measures reduce water intake and the facility will deliver significant water efficiencies, with waste water treated and re-used on site to achieve zero liquid discharge. The site also operates as zero waste to landfill, with waste volumes segregated and sent for recycling and recovery of resources.

The new site was officially opened by Irish Ambassador to India, Brian McElduff, who reinforced Kerry's commitment to the South West Asia region. According to Ambassador McElduff, 'The investment serves as a welcome vote of confidence in India, and further supports growing business relations and bi-lateral trade between the two countries.'

Activities at the official inauguration included a traditional welcome and lamp lighting, a ribbon cutting ceremony, the unveiling of a stone plaque, and speeches by Chairman, Philip Toomey, Ambassador McElduff, Kerry Group's VP of Corporate Affairs, Catherine Keogh and President & CEO APMEA, John Savage amongst other regional leaders.

The opening was also attended by local government officials from Tumkur, members from Enterprise Ireland and some of Kerry’s customers and distributors in the region.

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