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### **April 2010 – Group Jonckheere.Wood takes over engineering office 3Db**

**Group Jonckheere.Wood strengthens its business activities by taking over 3Db. The company 3Db operates out of Ghent and concentrates on passive and low-energy building. Over the past several years, the company developed into a leading engineering office in Flanders. The acquisition is part of the growth strategy of the business group Jonckheere.Wood to firmly root the company in its home market and is based on the ambition to expand its leading position as the reference in the wood construction market. Thanks to this acquisition, the activities of 3Db will be integrated in the company structure of Group Jonckheere.Wood and the business group can further develop its innovative and trustworthy wood solutions.**

The wood processing business group Jonckheere.Wood (in Asse), Dubois.Wood (in Colfontaine) and Hanssens.Wood (in Evergem) is the market leader in Belgium regarding the distribution of wood products and fabrication of industrial truss constructions. The group can take care of the complete realization of every wood structure in the building sector. The well-thought-out range of high-performance technical products complies with all requirements for the building of new houses or renovation, from foundations to truss constructions. The company offers reliable solutions in developing residential housing, schools, hotels, office buildings, hospitals but also for the construction of bridges, tunnels and other projects in civil engineering. The Group Jonckheere.Wood is an important supplier of building contractors and companies active in building passive and low-energy structures. Also architects who contend with technical topics about passive houses and the use of wood products are provided with professional advice from this leading company in the prefabrication of wood structures. The group markets its products in the Benelux area and France.

During the past several years, the SME family business has significantly expanded its activities and specialized in the fabrication of structural elements for low-energy constructions. The Group Jonckheere.Wood also concluded a partnership with the leading Scandinavian wood specialist Finnforest in order to give the activities and services of both companies future-oriented dynamics.

Due to the leading position of the business group in Belgium, the company has to proactively canvass the market and further develop its activities. Within the challenging wood construction market, the group can hold its strong position thanks to its comprehensive expertise and technical knowhow. The further development of this professional competence is a very important spearhead and led to the acquisition of the architectural design and engineering office 3Db.





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Since 1999, 3Db specializes in passive and low-energy building and grew to be an engineering office for timber frame houses and solid-mass constructions as well as new building systems. The firm guides and advises architects and building contractors, carries out energy calculations, gives building plan advice, makes detailed plans and calculations and offers construction site support.

### **About Group Jonckheere.Wood**

Dubois.Wood, Jonckheere.Wood and Hanssens.Wood are part of the same holding. In Belgium, the group positions itself as a market leader regarding the distribution of wood products and the fabrication of industrial truss constructions. The group and the companies that are part of it, cover the entire Belgian territory and enjoy high local brand awareness. The firm is also active in The Netherlands, France and Luxemburg.

The business group Jonckheere.Wood has a comprehensive knowledge in the field of prefabricating and manufacturing wood structures:

- Framing solutions
- Beams and columns
- Timber frame constructions
- Industrial truss structures
- Structural elements for low-energy constructions (passive building)

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