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WOLLSDORF LEATHER is investing an additional 1.6 Million Euros in sustainability and environmental protection

Fat production system has successfully gone into operation!

Another good news of WOLLSDORF LEATHER – the world leader in steering wheel grain leather. The new grease production plant went into successful operation according to the motto : "raw material – instead of waste ".

In the process of leather production, right after the depilation of skin, the adherent conjunctival tissue is milled by a machine. This tissue, called in technical language "Maschinenleimleder", had to be disposed as waste at a high price.

"Inevitably 10,000 tons of waste emerge annually in this process, now valuable raw material ist the result that we can sell for the production of biodiesel," said the managing director of WOLLSDORF LEATHER, Andreas Kindermann. "Thanks to the new system the amount of waste has reduced by 85% in this area – another big step towards enhanced environmental protection," said Andreas Kindermann further.

This sustainable procedure is as follows: The resulting tissue is heated to about 85 ° C. This liquefies the fat. The solids (called greaves) and liquids, which were bound in the tissue, are set free. Grease, solids and liquid are separated from each other by a 3-phase centrifuge.

Through this innovative technology, which WOLLSDORF LEATHER uses as one of the world's first tanneries, a current weekly amount of about 21 tonnes animal fat can be obtained as raw material for further processing.

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