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# The Drylock company will manufacture 4 million FFP1 masks for the regional government in Segovia

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The multinational Drylock Technologies, from its Segovian factory, and the regional government, from the Ministry of Development of the Junta de Castilla y León, have established a collaboration agreement to provide groups and community organizations with more than 4 million masks surgical in the next three months.



The objective of the project is to guarantee the supply of approved masks to cover the needs throughout the de-escalation process after the coronavirus crisis.

As announced on Wednesday by the Minister for Development

and the Environment, José Antonio Suárez Quiñones, the Board has acquired in the province of Yancheng (China) a specific line for the manufacture of the FFP1 mask, in order to have "minimal and controlled" production .

The talks between Drylock, promoter of the project called 'Masks with soul', and the regional government, started a month ago, allowing the acquisition by the Ministry of Development of the specific machinery, which will leave the Shanghai airport the next day. 13. The equipment will travel to Spain on the plane that the Junta de Castilla y León will charter together with the necessary equipment.

Drylock, one of the leading companies in the manufacture of absorbent intimate hygiene products, has prepared in record time a separate space for the line of manufacture of this sanitary material.

The Segovian factory, which employs more than 150 workers in its five manufacturing lines (4 of them for children's diapers and one for feminine hygiene) will create 18 new jobs for the specific manufacture of surgical masks.

The project involves an investment of close to 800,000 euros, which is financed equally by the Junta de Castilla y León and Drylock, with the help of Banco de Santander, which contributes 30,000 euros from the 'Solidarity Fund Together'.

The Segovian factory, located in the Polígono de Hontoria, will culminate in the next few days the new industrial space, attached to the factory, designed by its team of engineers.

Drylock thanks the Segovia City Council for its involvement in the development of the project.

A 200-square-meter clean room awaits the arrival of machinery purchased by the regional government, with a production capacity of 100,000 masks per day, which will mean having the first month with about 2 million units.

The project unites two concepts that guide the work of the multinational based in Segovia, whose factory has been operating since May 2018.

"Drylock contributes the experience of economic management and technological capacity of the group, as well as its solidarity aspect, where the principles of equality, cooperation and commitment, will allow to break the dependence on Asian markets and thus help the regional government of Castilla y León to overcome the problem of supplying a basic necessity product in this pandemic ", explains Miguel Ángel González, General Director of Drylock Spain.

"The collaboration agreement will allow to maintain a stable manufacturing cost that per unit will not exceed 0.50 euros, which guarantees savings to the public coffers in the purchase of a material whose prices have skyrocketed in the face of demand in the global pandemic "Explains González.

It is not the first time that the multinational, based in Belgium and with production plants distributed in several countries, has collaborated selflessly by providing protection material in the Covid-19 crisis.

Since the beginning of March, an agreement between Drylock-Czech Republic and the Technical University of Liberec has enabled the Czech country to be fitted with face masks.