



Nederlandse pionier stapt in kwikrecycling Thailan

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Begemann Environmental Technology (BMT) has its first in Asia. The Dutch company yesterday opened a factory in Thailand for the recycling of mercury-containing waste, the first of its kind in the Far East. 'BMT Pac will provide a sustainable solution for a difficult waste problem', says founder and owner Roeland Begemann after the company opening and blessing ceremony by Thai Buddhist monks.

Mercury is a highly toxic substance. The contamination with this heavy metal is a fast-growing environmental problem worldwide. Nevertheless, there are still great quantities used for the manufacture of products and in industry.

'A part of the Mercury-containing waste from Asia is currently being sent to Europe, including to our company. But many will be dumped. Instead of that the Mercury to be disposed of in the ground or sea, it is now destroyed and recycled. It is being disposed of and well managed without any impact to human health, animals and crops.'

Main customers of BMT are oil companies that are active in Thailand. 'But there are also other Mercury issues such as those of dental amalgam (which consists of 50% Mercury).' That is, however, our long-term plan. 'The Netherlands dentists all have a Mercury filter under their seat, but in Thailand, this is still not well regulated.'

BMT, which already has a factory in the north of The Netherlands, has years of experience with the recycling of Mercury and management of hazardous waste. The company works with a patented Dutch technology, which has been developed by BMT itself.

The realization of the facilities in Thailand has been established with the support of the Dutch development bank.

FMO. BMT also has plans to extend operations to other Asian countries.

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