

## Biosorbe buys Renewcell's facility in Kristinehamn

Biosorbe has recently been given the opportunity to purchase new factory premises in Kristinehamn, which was previously owned by Renewcell. Renewcell's business idea was to recycle textile waste to create new textile fibers. Biosorbe, on the other hand, produces oil-absorption materials. Despite these differences, the factory is still suitable for Biosorbe's purposes.

Biosorbe has been looking for ways to expand its production, so this acquisition was the first step to achieve this goal while at the same time in an eco-friendly way. The advantages of taking over an already existing factory are many - for one thing, you don't have to take down the factory and sell it part by part, and you don't have to start a new construction process in order to increase the production capacity. The premises in Kristinehamn are large and offer an approximately 10,000 square meter industrial property as well as a process premises of approximately 2,000 square meters. In addition to this, there are premises for stock management, conference rooms and changing rooms, which will be useful in the future. The production in Kristinehamn is expected to start in May this year.

"Right now we are in the process of moving into the premises and preparing for the start of production. The acquisition of the Kristinehamn factory will also mean that Biosorbe's headquarters will move from Karlstad to Kristinehamn in the near future, as part of the ongoing development. Biosorbe is developing on many levels," explains Kajsa Fougner, CEO of Biosorbe.

The future of Biosorbe looks bright and exciting. The company is expanding in various directions, collaborating with old and new customers. In addition to Biosorbe's main product - Biosorbe oil absorbent - there is also development work on new types of products where Biosorbe's unique material forms a sustainable and bio-based component, for example in the purification of long-lived environmental toxins and in construction materials.

The factory in Kristinehamn also means an opportunity for Biosorbe to package Biosorbe absorbent in a new way, which will make it easier to ship the product abroad.

Biosorbe's journey began at Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan in Stockholm, in the section for polymer technology. Since then, the company has expanded and is now established in Sunne and Kristinehamn. Kajsa Fougner assumed the role of CEO a month ago. She has a background in the pulp and paper industry, as well as experience as a consultant and project manager. In the past, she has worked with Renewcell and has experience with startup companies.

"We aim to increase production in the coming year, which will enable us to hire more process operators for our facilities. Our hope is to develop the factory to two-shift and later three-shift work. Biosorbe's main product is absorbent, but we aim to introduce new products and solutions to the market in the near future," predicts Kajsa Fougner.