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Anecoop beefs up Polish operation

It now sells more than 40,000 tonnes of Spanish fruits, vegetables and wines through its Poznan distribution platform



Pablo Conde Diez del Corral cutting the ribbon, with Alejandro Monzón to his left

Anecoop Polska has just completed a €1m expansion of its distribution platform in Poznan, doubling capacity with the construction of a new 2,400m² warehouse with a state-of-the-art management system.

The division saw its turnover grow 10 per cent in 2016/17 on the back of a 6 per cent increase during the previous campaign and its annual sales now exceeds 40,000 tonnes.

The group held an inauguration ceremony on Thursday attended by the management boards of Anecoop Group and Anecoop Polska, as well as the economic and commercial chief counsellor of the Spanish Embassy in Warsaw, Pablo Conde Diez del Corral.

At the event, Darek Wysocki, director general of Anecoop Polska, highlighted the company's strong growth trajectory since entering the market almost 20 years ago.

"We are happy with the results obtained in recent campaigns and our forecasts for the current year are optimistic," he said.

"Throughout the last decade we have been increasing our activity and our workforce, which currently consists of 80 employees in the offices and warehouse."

Anecoop first entered the Polish market in 1998 with the establishment of Agricommerz, now known as Anecoop Polska, as part of a wider strategy to reinforce its presence in eastern Europe.

Today, Anecoop Polska cover a 32,000m² site housing two 2,400m² air conditioned warehouses, 800m² of offices and 900m² of coldstores.

Alejandro Monzón, president of the Anecoop Group, said: "Poland is still a growing market with excellent potential. The new facility will enable us to provide an even better service to both our customers and our cooperative members."