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Total Exotics sheds light on CO2 efforts



Company says installation of 1,400 solar panels at its Bleiswijk facility will reduce carbon footprint by a quarter

Total Exotics, the Netherlands-based avocado and mango specialist, says it expects to reduce the carbon footprint of its distribution centre in Bleiswijk by more than 25 per cent following the installation of almost 1,400 solar panels.

The company, which supplies a range of ready-to-eat, pre-packed and bulk avocados and mangoes to retailers across Europe, described the move as a "significant step forward" in further reducing the environmental impact of its operations.

The panels will reportedly generate around 415,000kWh each year and cut carbon dioxide emissions by roughly 250 tonnes.

Commenting on the initiative, Total Exotics' general manager Said Bannany said: "In Total Exotics we strive to deliver to the European consumer exotic produce grown and marketed to the very highest ethical standards. A commitment to the implementation of sustainable processes and practices right across the supply chain lies at the very heart of everything that we do."

He added: "Embracing renewable energy in Bleiswijk represents another important step on our ongoing journey towards becoming an ever more sustainable business."

As a subsidiary of leading fresh produce marketer Total Produce, the adoption of renewable energy at Total Exotics forms a key part of the wider group's carbon management project Vision 20/20, which is seeking to build on an 18 per cent company-wide reduction in carbon consumption during 2019.