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Extended maintenance period Bethune improves product quality

As planned for some time now, K+S will again significantly improve the quality of the potash products manufactured at the new Canadian potash plant in Bethune this year. Therefore, the maintenance period planned for September will be extended to a total of two weeks. During this time, the existing facilities will be supplemented by further components for screening and cooling the products.

"We have a clear agenda for aligning the quality of our products even more closely with our customers' expectations by the end of 2019. At the same time, we will continue with our goal of further increasing production," says Alexa Hergenröther, CEO of K+S's Europe+ operating unit.

After the start of the potash plant in the summer of 2017, production reached the capacity of slightly more than 1.4 million tonnes planned for this ramp-up phase last year. For this year, the production target is 1.7 to 1.9 million tonnes. Due the additional work now being planned to improve product quality, it is currently expected that the lower end of this range will be reached.

About K+S

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