



## Murre Technologies integrates six sorting machines at Kimco nv

*'What seemed complicated to us was translated by Murre Technologies into a clear and feasible project, fully tailored to our business operations. That ultimately formed the basis for the project as how it was later implemented.'*

*'Even now, if we have any questions or minor issues, we can contact them directly and they respond quickly, which means we feel good about having made this investment.'*

Kris de Kimpe, General Manager Kimco nv.

### *Looking for the right solution*

The last major adjustment to the sorting process dated back to 2010. Kimco nv had been considering how to renew and improve their sorting installation for quite some time. The need for this was clear, but given the limited space available in the existing building, it proved difficult to come up with a concrete and feasible solution.

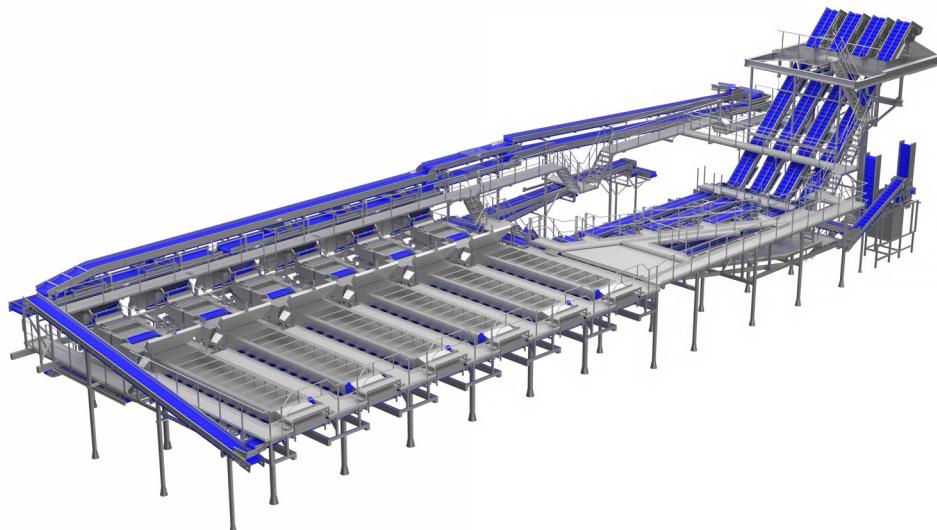
During a visit to Kimco nv in 2023, Kris de Kimpe expressed his wishes to Murre Technologies. He indicated that he continuously encountered the problem that many manufacturers saw new construction as the only solution; after all, there was no space. Murre Technologies' innovative capacity was stimulated and they saw a wonderful challenge that was tailor-made for them.

## CASE STUDY



Thinking in terms of possibilities, Murre Technologies investigated the options within the existing premises and developed various proposals. A solution involving height was considered realistic and ultimately even necessary.

After various consultations and a reference visit to a mussel processor where a similar challenging issue had been resolved, Kimco nv was convinced that Murre Technologies would be the right partner.



## The result

Six optical sorters were integrated between the washing area and the packaging line. Within nine months of the order being placed, this extensive project was completed perfectly on schedule and with minimal impact on daily operations. A tunnel on the roof provided the extra logistical space needed to avoid disrupting production, which also meant that the project was ultimately completed without any production stoppages.

## The future

The collaboration between both parties was a two-way street that was considered very pleasant by both sides. Kris de Kimpe has mentioned several times that they have made a huge leap in quality through the collaboration with Murre Technologies. In addition, Murre Technologies' commitment and sense of responsibility after delivery have laid a strong foundation for future collaborations, in which new steps will be taken in the modernisation of Kimco nv.



## Murre Technologies

Murre Technologies is a supplier of advanced processing lines for the food processing industry and is known for its total solutions combined with its commitment to low maintenance costs. Murre Technologies is also highly innovative when it comes to cost savings in the areas of personnel and the environment. At its headquarters in Krabbendijke, it employs around 40 people with a wealth of knowledge and experience. Murre Technologies' personal approach creates a pleasant working atmosphere, resulting in high-level results.

### Industry

Food processing industry

### Country or Region

Zeeland, The Netherlands

## Kimco nv

Kimco N.V. is one of the largest processors of carrots in Europe. Every year, they have hundreds of hectares of carrots grown in Belgium and the Netherlands. Kimco N.V. also processes onions, garlic and shallots for both the domestic and foreign markets.

Due to the increasing demand for organic products, Kimco N.V. has further expanded its range with organic carrots, organic onions, organic shallots and organic garlic.

Three establishments and around forty employees are responsible for an annual production of over 50 million kilograms of carrots and 12 million kilograms of onions.

### Industry

Carrot processing

### Country or Region

Dendermonde, Belgium

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