

We have started!

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Engineering world's first full-scale PHA from process water plant has started.

Paques Biomaterials and ESKA have signed a cooperation agreement with Envirochemie, Paques (both part of the Skion Water Group), and Jorritsma Bouw on how to conduct the engineering of the world's first *Full-Scale Plant for PHA production from Process Water*. *This agreement contains far-reaching agreements on this engineering phase and the rest of the project called Gecko.*

Today, the kick-off session with all parties officially started the engineering phase. The phase will be completed in the third quarter of 2025, allowing us to make the investment decision before the end of the year.

'This is a milestone project for Paques Biomaterials, as it's the step from scale up to commercial scale,' said Joost Paques. This full-scale plant will prove that we are in business.'

This is also a major achievement for ESKA. Brian Oost, *Head of Operations—Solid Board Business Area*, concludes, "What a remarkable moment to see this actually happening, with ESKA translating its sustainability ambitions into action together with such strong partners."

