

PRESS RELEASE

## Solar self-consumption projects implemented by Helexia generate 19GWh of clean energy for Corticeira Amorim

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Helexia, an international player in the renewable energy sector specialising in the development and implementation of decarbonisation projects, partnered with Corticeira Amorim to develop self-consumption projects, resulting in the installation of 25,446 solar panels across six of its industrial units in Portugal.

This initiative results in a total installed capacity of 14.5 MWp, which will allow for the annual production of 19 GWh of clean energy. This volume of clean energy will annually prevent the emission of 9,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>, equivalent to planting 229,000 trees or providing energy to 3,801 homes. You can watch the project video here – [“Foi Amorim à primeira vista”](#).

In addition to the installation of the solar panels, [Helexia Portugal](#) will be responsible for monitoring and maintaining the plants, ensuring maximum efficiency in a safe and profitable manner, and optimising the production of electricity from solar energy.

The Amorim Group's commitment to decarbonising its operations includes Ewen, a company within the Helexia Group, which has been collaborating with [Corticeira Amorim](#) for 18 years, offering consulting, efficiency, and energy monitoring services through the implementation of a control platform and energy management services. Over the course of this partnership, more than 360 energy efficiency and decarbonisation projects have been executed, resulting in annual savings of over 4 million euros and avoiding the emission of over 15,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year.

The projects developed between Helexia and [Ewen](#) for Corticeira Amorim represent a holistic vision of energy production and management, integrating green energy and energy efficiency into the production processes. Thus, they operationally support the implementation of an ambitious and transformative decarbonisation roadmap, aiming not only to mitigate environmental impacts and operational costs but also to inspire other companies to follow Corticeira Amorim's path of responsibility and commitment to the environment.

In 2023, Corticeira Amorim recorded a 9.1% reduction in energy consumption, increased the use of controlled renewable energy to 68.3%, and reduced CO<sub>2</sub>eq emissions by 8.8%. According to António Rios de Amorim, *“these numbers clearly demonstrate our commitment to leading by example and encouraging other companies to adopt more sustainable practices for the good of our planet.”*

**“This project is a clear example of how integrating renewable energy and energy efficiency can significantly impact the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and promote corporate sustainability. Our vision and mission are to continue providing innovative and effective solutions that help companies achieve their decarbonisation goals, contributing to greener and more responsible energy use that benefits businesses, the planet, and future generations.”**

— Luis Pinho, Country Director of Helexia Portugal.

“At Corticeira Amorim, sustainability is a priority and an indispensable pillar for the organisation. Our vision and mission advocate for the development of activities in perfect harmony with nature. This has been the case for over 150 years. The collaboration with Helexia and Ewen has been important in helping us achieve our sustainability goals and reduce our environmental footprint. We are very committed to increasing the use of energy from renewable sources, and by the end of 2024, we will have installed about 24 MW, utilising more than 40,000 solar panels on the roofs of our factories. Our goal is for the main industrial units to have a portion of their energy consumption come from photovoltaic energy. This energy, produced for self-consumption, will represent about 20% of the electricity consumed by Corticeira Amorim.”

— António Rios de Amorim, President and CEO of Corticeira Amorim.



## About Helexia Portugal ([www.helexia.pt](http://www.helexia.pt))

Helexia is a historical player in the energy transition sector. Created in 2010, Helexia is a subsidiary of Voltalia (ISIN code Euronext Paris: FR0011995588). Helexia specialises in the energy performance of buildings and the production of photovoltaic energy on-site (rooftops and solar carports).

With +440 employees in 10 countries, Helexia has completed more than 1,250 photovoltaic projects with a total capacity of 347 MW in operation. Helexia has supported its commercial, industrial, and agricultural clients in various energy efficiency and energy management projects.

In 2023, the photovoltaic plants operated by Helexia Portugal produced over 100 GWh of clean energy for self-consumption, allowing its clients to save 2.8 million euros and avoid the emission of 47 thousand tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>.



## About Corticeira Amorim (<https://www.amorim.com/pt/>)

Corticeira Amorim is the world's largest cork processing group. Founded in 1870, the company today has dozens of business units spread across five continents, exports numerous products to over 100 countries, and has a diverse network of 30,000 customers.

With strong sustainability credentials and activities that positively impact climate regulation, Corticeira Amorim offers a range of solutions, materials, and products for some of the most technological, disruptive, and demanding industries globally, such as aerospace, automotive, construction, sports, energy, interior design, and wines, sparkling wines, and spirits.

Currently led by the fourth generation of the family, who cultivate the values of sobriety, ambition, initiative, pride, and attitude, the same values upheld throughout its 150+ years of successful history, the company invests millions of euros annually in R&D&I and reported consolidated sales of 986 million euros in 2023, including approximately 6 billion cork stoppers sold annually, representing 75.9% of consolidated sales.

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