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DAIRY PRODUCE

Glenisk: cream of the crop

What is it?

From its base in Killeigh, Co Offaly, Glenisk produces organic yogurt, milk, goats' milk and yogurt. In 2007, the company underwent a major relaunch with new products including low fat yogurt desserts, vibrant new packaging, a new website and new partnerships designed to promote sustainable living and a healthy planet. Working with small organic farmers on both sides of the border, Glenisk procures 90% of the organic milk produced in Ireland and has helped many farmers with the transition from conventional agriculture.

Who's behind it?

Glenisk is the Cleary family business. A pioneer of organics in Ireland, Glenisk was set up in 1987 and switched to organic production in 1995 under the stewardship of twin brothers Vincent and Brendan Cleary. Today, the company is run by six of the Cleary siblings. In 2006, Stanfield Europe

acquired a 37% minority stake in Glenisk.



Financial situation?

In 2007, Glenisk completed a €8.5m eco-friendly investment at the Offaly plant to increase capacity and facilitate production of new lines. It created 30 new jobs, bringing the workforce to 55. Turnover in 2007 was €12m with projected growth of 35% in 2008.

Future plans?

Glenisk recently announced it is seeking 100 new organic dairy farmers to help meet consumer demand for its products.