**With more than 300 employees**

**Clarios celebrates 50 years of excellence and leadership at its Burgos plant**

* **Vice-President of the Regional Government of Castilla y León, Isabel Blanco, and Mayoress of Burgos, Cristina Ayala, attended the event.**
* **Clarios Burgos plant has produced more than 170 million batteries in 50 years, showcasing technological leadership and customer experience, positively impacting Castilla y León.**
* **Clarios has four factories, a sales office, and more than 900 employees in Spain, contributing to the automotive industry's transformation and driving growth.**

**Burgos, September 24, 2024 –** Clarios, a world leader in advanced low-voltage battery solutions, has celebrated today the 50th anniversary of its battery production plant in Burgos, located in the Villalonquéjar industrial park. The event was attended by institutional representatives and other personalities.

Since its inauguration in 1974, the plant has surpassed the production of 170 million batteries, celebrating half a century of excellence and innovation thanks to the commitment, dedication and involvement of its team, which has more than 300 employees in Burgos. A celebration that highlights the role of [Clarios](https://www.varta-automotive.es/es-es), the parent company of VARTA Automotive, Europe’s leading brand for low voltage batterie systems, as an example in technological leadership, customer experience and contribution to employment, generating a positive impact in Castilla y León.

**Important institutional presence**

The event was attended by Isabel Blanco, Vice President of Castilla y León; Cristina Ayala, Mayor of Burgos; Barbora Kasanicka, Vice President Human Resources Clarios EMEA; Jens Gehle, Vice President Operations Clarios EMEA; and Eduardo Quintanal, Director of the Clarios plant in Burgos. A plaque commemorating the 50th anniversary was also unveiled at the event.

**Barbora Kasanicka, Vice President HR EMEA of Clarios,** emphasized that “*while we are celebrating the milestone in technology and sustainability here in Burgos, none of this would be possible without the people who bring Clarios to life – our employees. This plant has fostered generations of talent, leadership and teamwork.”*

**Eduardo Quintanal, Manager of the Clarios plant in Burgos**, emphasized that *“the Burgos plant is a reference for innovation, development and operational excellence within Clarios’ EMEA’s European production network. It is a unique center closely integrated into the local community, where we foster an atmosphere where employees are involved in the production processes and create innovative solutions,”*

**Donation to the Spanish Association against Cancer**

As part of the 50th anniversary celebrations, Clarios has announced a donation of 5,000 euros to the ‘Pediatric Oncology 2024’ project and the ‘Oncological Physical Exercise’ program of the Spanish Association Against Cancer, a donation that aims to further strengthen the company’s social commitment to Burgos and the regions in which it operates.

**Clarios’ impact in Spain**

Clarios has four production centers and a sales office in which more than 900 employees work, generating an important economic impact and contributing to the industrial development of the regions in which it is present. In Spain, the company manufactures low voltage batteries for automotive manufacturers and the aftermarket.

The Burgos plant, together with the factories in Guardamar del Segura (Alicante) and Ibi (Alicante), and the recycling center in Medina del Campo (Valladolid), form Clarios’ production cluster in the Iberian Peninsula.

With the aim of boosting local economies and generating employment, Clarios has continuously invested in Spain, making the Spanish factories a fundamental part of the company's production network and supply chain.

Since 2022, the Medina del Campo plant has played a crucial role in the recycling of lead from used batteries, reinforcing Clarios' commitment to the circular economy, responsible recycling, and sustainability. In fact, 100% of the products sold by Clarios are designed to be recycled, and the company recovers approximately 8,000 used batteries in its network every hour worldwide through its closed-loop lead-acid recycling process, consolidating it as the most efficient recycling system in the world. This process involves the collection, transport, handling, storage, and true end-to-end recycling of the batteries.

Clarios, a world leader in advanced low-voltage battery solutions, has a 130-year legacy of innovation and growth. It is the world's largest, most technologically advanced, and responsible low-voltage battery manufacturer. With around 150 million units sold each year, Clarios batteries power one in three passenger vehicles worldwide.

Under its corporate social responsibility strategy, Clarios has established itself as an industry example in designing, building, and recovering batteries. The company has 53 manufacturing, distribution, and recycling facilities around the world, supplying more than 1.5 million customers.

**About Clarios**

Clarios is the global leader in advanced, low-voltage battery technologies for mobility. Our batteries and smart solutions power nearly every type of vehicle and are found in 1 of 3 cars on the road today. With around 18,000 employees in over 100 countries, we bring deep expertise to our Aftermarket and OEM partners, and reliability, safety and comfort to everyday lives. We answer to the planet with a rigorous sustainability focus – advancing best-in-class sustainability practices and advocating for them across our industry. We work to ensure 100% of our products sold are recyclable, and we recycle 8,000 batteries an hour in our network. Clarios is a Brookfield portfolio company.

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