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## The running-in production at the Rockwool Group's factory in Croatia temporarily stopped

The running-in production at the Rockwool factory in Istria has been temporarily stopped by the authorities.

During an inspection of the factory, the authorities noticed that the documentation of the factory's chimney construction deviated from the installed solution. The reason for this was that a more advanced but slightly different pipe construction had been chosen after the original design had been sent to the authorities and on which the building permit was based. We expect to solve this issue within relatively short time.

The factory which is in the running-in phase following the start of production in September, has been part of a heated debate. Several local groups, which are in favour of only developing the region within tourism and agriculture, have opposed industrial projects in the area including the Rockwool Group's production of insulation materials.

The factory fully complies with environmental permits. It is based on the Group's newest technology and lives up to the European Union BAT (Best Available environment Technology) requirements. The factory is designed with environmental equipment fulfilling both Croatian and EU requirements.

The Rockwool Group wants to be a valued part of the local society in which our factories are placed.

The temporary closure of the factory as described above is not believed to influence the Rockwool Group's financial expectations as communicated in the third quarter report.

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