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Perrite to invest in new extrusion line

Technical compounding company, Perrite has announced investment at its Warrington site. It has secured investment of £1 million through its parent company British Vita for the installation of a new extrusion line in support of newly won contracts for supply of product into undersea applications.

The end product is designed to maintain oil temperature and flow rate and is used in flexible pipes and risers in deepwater applications (>500m). The technology was brought into the Vita Group via the acquisition of the Synlon business in 1998, which is now incorporated into Perrite. Perrite has enhanced the technology and developed a partnership with its customer Technip to supply the product into their flexible pipe applications. Technip, the French oil exploration specialist, ranks among the five major players in full-service engineering and construction services in the field of hydrocarbons and petrochemicals.

The investment compliments Perrite's comprehensive range of modern compounding equipment, ensuring a flexible and specialist response to a range of technical engineering applications.

Speaking about the new investment, Chief Executive for British Vita **Howard Harris** said 'British Vita is keen to selectively invest in profitable sales growth through capital expenditure. This project will ensure business expansion by increasing capacity to meet growing demand and we are particularly pleased by the association with Technip.'

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