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The Netherlands, 7 April 2011 - Recently the mayor of Steenberghe, Mr. Jan Hoogendoorn, officially drove the first pile to start the building of a fermentation installation that will process plant waste into biogas.

Under the name Suiker Unie Green Energy, the sugar factory is investing over 16 million euros in the installation. Biogas will be produced in four tanks by fermenting the remainders of sugar beet, chicory roots and potatoes. The biogas will finally be processed into natural gas quality by stripping it of CO₂ and various other substances. Suiker Unie will supply this biogas to the regional gas network of Intergas, whose most important customers are the inhabitants of Dinteloord.

The fermentation plant will annually process 100,000 metric tons of vegetable waste into ten million cubic metres of gas - sufficient for five thousand households. Suiker Unie, Sensus and Duynie are cooperating in this project. The installation reflects the ambition of West-Brabant to be more engaged in the 'biobased' economy (producing fuel from natural raw materials). Sabc and Cargill are also participating in this project.