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### **Metal Finishing News**

### An investment of more than 20 millon euros

# Winoa Inaugurate In Spain The Most Modern And Efficient Plant Of Steel Shot In The World

inoa Iberica's new plant, located on the outskirts of Balmaseda (Basque Country, Spain) is the most modern and efficient facility in its sector and produces added-value steel shot and grit in an environmentally-friendly way. Winoa has invested more than 20 million euros.

The plant occupies a surface of 30,000 m<sup>2</sup> and has four interconnected industrial buildings to improve the distribution and the communication on the production processes. The construction of the plant started in june 2016 and was finished on the second quarter of 2018. It has induction furnaces, heat treatment furnaces, sifting stations and lines for stocking and packaging. All that supported by auxiliary facilities that incorporate the best available technologies in water control and air treatment. "This is a fully automated and centrally controled plant. It will ensure that we produce top quality abrasives in an efficient and flexible manner. This way will we will better and faster adapt to the changing needs of our customers and we will be able to specialize in the production of premium products, with

an added-value for our customers", emphasizes Luis Resusta, Winoa Iberica Managing Director.

Winoa Group signed an agreement with the local authorities of Balmaseda, Biscay Regional Government and Basque Government.

## Sustainable shot production for a global market

Steel shot use for surface treatments is usual in many industrial sectors: Road, rail and naval transport, petrochemical industry and pipelines.

This plant has been designed with the best available techniques in order to reduce its environmental footprint. Winoa has installed dust collection systems to ensure a clean environment inside and outside the plant, heat recovery systems, LAD lighting with motion sensors and a water treatment facility.

#### **About Winoa Group**

Winoa Group is a world leader for steel abrasives. It has 10,000 costumers of 120 countries that rely on their products. "Our company has established its



Steel shot sample produced in Winoa's new plant

leadership and its driving strategy on solid pillars: To team up with our costumers to optimize their production processes, to be a company of choice for our employees, that means we want to be a safe place to work in. We want to be a reliable and profitable supplier", says Pierre Escolier, the CEO of Winoa Group.

Winoa has 1,000 employees in 120 countries of all continents, 11 production plants and its own investigation and development centres to offer high quality products with a personalized treatment.

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Main facade of Winoa's new plant in Balmaseda, Basque Country (Spain)