

returning to park



A view of Marina Commercial Park, which houses some of Cork biggest industrial lettings.

Cutting carbon footprint

CUTTING-EDGE industries that work to tackle Ireland's carbon footprint have made the Marina Commercial Park their home.

Ecocel is leading the charge for the reduction of the country's carbon footprint through environmentally friendly insulation. Rather than importing fibreglass or other insulators, Ecocel recycles locally sourced paper.

Owner John Egan explains that it is the only company in Ireland pursuing this proven method of environmentally friendly, cost-effective, low-tech insulation.

"No other business in Ireland does it. We are the only insulation manufacturer in Ireland that sources our materials in Ireland," he said.

It is a small-scale operation in terms of manpower, requiring just two people on site to manufacture up to 12.25 tonnes in 10 hours. More than 20 installers operate nationwide, including in Sligo, Galway and Donegal.

Mr Egan said that if the process was adopted by city councils or private developers in the city, it would make a huge difference to positioning Cork as a green city.

"What we create here would give Cork the chance to be a European leader in sustainability," he said.

In its Marina Park premises, JB Roche manufactures inflatable shelters that work as

pop-up airline hangars. The hangars are 100% fabric, containing no metal parts whatsoever, making them much easier to transport to remote parts of the world.

They are largely used by airlines to work on engine repairs.

Recent changes to the product have seen it used off the coast of northern Scotland on oil and gas rigs, eliminating the need for scaffolding and making repairs much easier.

This revolutionary technology is in demand all over the world, with orders coming in from northern Canada and the South Pole.

The company works with several of the world's biggest airlines, including Qatar Airways and Lufthansa, as well as airplane manufacturer Boeing.

Its products are also used by the US and Canadian air forces.

Also operating out of the park is Doodle Creative, graphic design and website design consultants who have been used by Fota Wildlife Park, Irish fraud protection service Trustev, and Disney.

There are also post-production and film editing studios that have worked with RTE, as well as a space for Cork Community Art Link to put together some of its eye-catching creations for the St Patrick's Day parade and the Dragon of Shandon festival.

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