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The Company Develops

In 1958 a factory was built at Grays, Essex, for the production of precast aerated concrete blocks and screeds. This was made possible by the association between Celcon Limited, Christiani & Nielson and Dansk Gasbeton of Denmark.

However in 1963 the association with Christiani & Nielson ended, with Dansk acquiring the controlling interest in Celcon Limited, UK and other British interests.

As a new concept that went against traditional British building methods, aircrete was viewed with apprehension, with the factory's output mainly meeting the demand arising from Christiani & Nielson, now customers. As the industry began to see the advantages of using aircrete blocks, demand increased throughout the UK. In 1966 Celcon Limited opened a second works at Rugeley in Staffordshire to supply the Midlands area and in 1974 they moved into the West Country, opening a purpose-built factory at Westbury.

In 1992, the Rugeley factory was closed. However, a new state-of-the-art factory at Borough Green, Kent, started production to replace the output of the original plant in Grays (which was to close in 1995). Although aircrete products have been available in the UK for over 50 years, it is still seen by many as a 'new' product.

H+H was yet again at the forefront of innovation in masonry construction. During the late 1990s the H+H Thin-Joint System was launched with its own brand of mortar named Celfix. This new approach to aircrete masonry enables huge productivity savings and provides the potential for significant increases in build quality.

Expansion in the UK and Scandinavia

Dansk Basbeton, now called H+H International, established a closer working relationship with Celcon Limited in 1999. Following the re-structuring, H+H International purchased aircrete manufacturing plants in Finland and Norway, whilst setting up a sales operation in Sweden.

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This enabled Celcon Limited in the UK to benefit from the experiences and product development of the Scandinavian countries, leading to innovations and exciting new products.

In 1978 a factory built at Pollington in Humberside (now East Yorkshire) was opened, in order to respond to the growing demand for aircrete and its innovative new building systems. Pollington was designed to manufacture the Plus Block range.

Pollington utilises some of the most advanced and environmentally friendly manufacturing equipment for the production of aircrete. Pollington 2, built on the same site as Pollington, was officially opened by Brian Wilson, Minister of State for Energy and Construction, on the 11th March 2003.

Pollington factories utilise many energy saving processes, including water storage pools, where water for the process is recycled, reduced waste and its very own wind turbine, which contributes significantly to the reduction in electricity.

In 2018 the once state of the art factory at Borough Green was completely dismantled and upgraded. Increased capacity, less waste and more economical to run, the new factory is now the most efficient aircrete factory in Europe.

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