

100 years of Charcoal in Belišće

People and company together for more than 120 years

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A little bit of history...

- 1884 – S. H. Gutmann
 - Largest European oak sawmill
 - Production of tannin, barrels, charcoal,...
- 1900 – Dry distillation factory (10 iron kilns of 175 kg charcoal)
- 1903 – 50 iron kilns (charcoal, >25 different chemicals)
- 1929 – 5 retorts + 2 chambers
 - 1955 Additional retort (6)
 - 1985 Complete reconstruction



Belišće Group

- Leading producer of ambalage paper in Croatia (222,000 tons), total employment of 5,000 people
- Export to 20 countries around Europe
- Regional company owned by small shareholders



Belišće town

- People and company together for more than 120 years
- Small town and a centre of local self-government, with eight suburbs and population of 11,786
- Over 70 per cent of 2,688 employees work in wood processing area, i. e. in production of paper and packaging in Belišće d.d.



Charcoal in Belisce

- Annual production today – 3,000 tons of charcoal, 1,500 tons of charcoal (black) briquettes, 10,000 tons of wood (white) briquettes
- Charcoal as a ‘luxury fuel’ for barbeque
- Growing demand (and market prices!)
- 50% export to Italy, 30% export to Austria, Switzerland, Germany







