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The Town Council studies Vinibasa's temporary reopening

They believe that it can be a temporary solution until Viñaoliva constructs a new plant

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The spokesman of the government team of Almendralejo has announced that there will have to come to a temporary solution, one more year, on the situation of the alcohol industry Vinibasa, although last year announced that it would be its last campaign.

This announcement has taken place weeks after the agrarian organizations with representation in the region and the own Autonomous Government of Extremadura asked to the Town Council in public that it should allow that the distillery that Vinibasa has in Almendralejo remain working one more year, until the local cooperative Viñaoliva starts with the alcohol industry that they attempt to construct outside of town.

Government's spokesman has assured that this closedown will involve harming a sector gravely, in regard to the viticulture regional industry, because in Extremadura only another one operates alcohol, the one of Villafranca de los Barros, that only treats 30 percent of the regional production of the by-products of the grape.

Bote has not wanted confirming that Vinibasa returns to enter in working order, although definitely he has manifested that the measure is studied and the fact that he made it out of temporary way would suppose a solution, taking aim that the company already has addressed itself to the Town Council expressing her disposition to reopen temporarily.

Only some months

The new activity, to confirm, would be only from September or October to the month of February, as already the last year happened, and with a treatment that would not affect to wine leftovers, that, like other by-products, would be relocated to the plant that the company has in La Mancha, with that would diminish a lot the bad odours.

This theme of the bad odours is one that has favoured the negotiations between the government team and Vinibasa for the closedown of its facilities precisely, since the industry, located in plenum urban area produces annoyances, which has caused that people and several associations had verbalised their complaints.

However, the definite decision not yet is taken, since Vinibasa already has a contract with the cooperative Viñaoliva for the acquisition on the part of the machinery, that will be located at the new plant, which will be to two kilometres of the urban area and in a zone where the bad odours do not get to the city, pointed Bote.

In relation to this new industry, Bote did not want to advance its location, although already it is appointed and agreed upon with the technicians writers of the General Municipal Plan, pointing that in



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these moments they are processing the opportune licences and the aids of regional incentive that they could receive for the start of its construction, with the intention of that it already is in the next campaign in working order.

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