

## Halon replacement with **ECARO-25™** in the Colruyt supermarket, Belgium

The Colruyt supermarket chain has become a successful company by offering the best available and most reasonable "discount" on goods to consumers. To preserve the "lowest prices" and to remain at the forefront with competitive products, Colruyt made substantial investments into computer technology and integrated a high-technology information system (IT) which runs non-stop 365 days a year. Needless to say, a highly relied upon asset of this type is essential to the continuous success of Colruyt. System downtime is not acceptable.

Several years ago, Colruyt made the decision to install Halon 1301 fire extinguishing system to protect this operation. This investment would prevent business interruption from fire. Today we know that Halon is damaging the ozone layer and adding to the global warming problem. Therefore the European Community has issued a regulation 2037 / 2000 which makes the removal of Halon mandatory by the end of 2003.

Fike, together with our business partner Sicli, Belgium, has successfully retrofitted the high technology information system (IT) room of the Colruyt supermarket chain with **ECARO-25™**, which utilizes DuPont's FE-25™ fire extinguishant.

The key success factors of the program were:

- minimum downtime of the Colruyt IT room
- cost savings compared to other products

Fike's **ECARO-25™** makes it possible to leave the existing piping in place and exchange the cylinders and the discharge nozzles only. These major advantages of **ECARO-25™** make the Halon retrofit as easy as possible even for equipment which is running 24 hours a day / 365 days a year.



Now, in the easiest and most cost-effective manner, the Colruyt supermarket chain is in full compliance with EC 2037/2000 by using the people and environmentally safe **ECARO-25™** fire extinguishing system from Fike Corporation.