



Paprec Reports Record First Half-Year as Founder Announces Retirement

Paris, September 10, 2025 – Paprec, France’s recycling leader and a major European waste management and green energy group, announced today a historic first half of 2025, with revenue on track to exceed €4 billion and EBITDA set to surpass €600 million by year-end.

Founder Jean-Luc Petithuguenin, 68, is retiring for health reasons, handing over leadership of Paprec’s international operations to his sons, who have managed the French business for the past four years. The international division is expected to generate more than €1 billion in revenue by December. This includes subsidiaries in Switzerland, Spain, the UK, Poland, six other countries such as India, Morocco and Azerbaijan, as well as export sales of raw materials.

« I am proud to have entrusted the leadership of our French operations to my two sons four years ago, raising our activities in France to the highest performance level in the group’s history », said Petithuguenin.

« Together, we have moved mountains. From nothing, we built Paprec into a leader in recycling and the circular economy. I am proud of the exceptional commitment of our teams to driving ecological solutions and taking our industry to world-class standards.

I wish my sons and our employees continued success in this extraordinary journey serving the ecological transition and the values of fraternity. »

About Paprec

Founded in 1994 by Jean-Luc Petithuguenin and still family-led, Paprec is France’s leading recycling company and one of Europe’s major players in waste management and green energy production. The group employs 17,000 people across 400 sites in ten countries. Its 2024 revenue amounted to €3.5 billion. Since its creation, the group—still majority-owned by the Petithuguenin family—has invested €3.5 billion in France in its plants and technological tools. Each year, Paprec’s activities help avoid the emission of 9.8 million tonnes of CO₂.

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