



**Press Release**  
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## **Paprec is establishing a recycling agency on the old Goodyear site**

***The French leader in recycling has decided to acquire part of the old tire plant property in Amiens-Nord, where it will establish a waste recycling agency.***

The Paprec Group is currently strengthening its presence in the Hauts-de-France region. Early this year in fact, the French leader in recycling added Ikos Environnement to its portfolio of businesses. This environmental subsidiary of the Lhotellier Group has a waste storage centre in Bimont (Pas-de-Calais). In March, the family-run recycling and transport company Deroo, based in Wizernes (also Pas-de-Calais), joined Paprec.

The group is in charge of building and managing the waste sorting centre for the SMDO (Syndicat Mixte de l'Oise). Planned for 2019, it will be the largest and most modern of its class in France. In the Hauts-de-France region, the Group has four recycling plants, a model centre of expertise in Pont-Sainte-Maxence (Oise department), six Coved Environnement sites, and three NCI Environnement sites dedicated to household waste collection. Over 1,000 people in the Hauts-de-France region now work for the Paprec Group in waste treatment that respects a circular economy and a greener planet.

*"In order to expand its network and be closer to its important customers in the region, Paprec is going to establish a new agency to the north of Amiens,"* announced Jean-François Rege, Director of the Group's North region. Paprec acquired 9,000 square metres of building space and four hectares of land on the old Goodyear tire plant.

Dedicated to sorting and recycling everyday industrial waste, this agency will benefit from the investment of two million euros, notably to install shredders and a baler. An initial team of about ten people is being hired from now to summer, and this could increase to 25 by the end of the year.

Pour Alain Gest, President of the Amiens Métropole agglomeration community, *"The announcement that Paprec will establish an agency on the old Goodyear site is excellent news. First for the people who are going to find a job with this wonderful company, which has already exhibited its dynamic nature in the region. It is also the initial step towards revitalising an industrial site that has unfortunately been associated in the past with massive layoffs rather than the creation of jobs."*

The arrival of Paprec was influenced by the arrival of Amazon to Boves in 2017, and the result of the coordinated work effort by David Taieb (BT, IMMO), the site's owner, and the Amiens Métropole agglomeration community to transform the 27 hectares of the site. This cooperation continues to be very active and should begin to show results by the end of summer.

### About Paprec Group

*The group was founded and has been headed since its creation by Jean-Luc Petithuguenin. With the acquisition of Coved on 5 April 2017, the recycling specialist has become a specialist in the full waste management chain. Over 25 years, it has grown from 45 to 8,500 employees working at over 200 sites in France and Switzerland. It has a turnover of €1.7bn.*

*Active in all existing recycling sub-sectors, the group is number one in plastic, paper, cardboard, and building waste recycling, as well as selective household collections. It is number two for the recycling of electrical and electronic equipment, and number three for organic waste, wood, biomass and routine industrial waste. Following the acquisition of Coved, the group is now the third-largest player in the French waste treatment sector and the largest recycling industry player.*

*From the outset, Paprec Group has been known and acknowledged for its commitment to promoting diversity, secularism and the fight against all forms of discrimination within the company. In October 2016, the Paprec Group received the Trophée Global Axa des Entreprises Responsables (Overall trophy of responsible companies, presented by Axa). And in November 2016, Jean-Luc Petithuguenin won the Entrepreneur of the Year award at the BFM Business Awards.*

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