

## The Paprec Group inaugurates a new plant in Chassieu to sort waste from selective collection circuits

On Monday 25 November, the Paprec Group inaugurated its new sorting plant for selective collection waste. With an annual sorting capacity of 60,000 tonnes of selective collection, the Trivalo 69 plant in Chassieu is one of the largest in France in terms of capacity. It was built and financed by the recycling specialist after winning the Lyon Métropole contract to manage waste for a portion of the city's inhabitants. The plant will also manage the collection of waste from nearby municipalities, including Roanne, Vienne and Plaine de l'Ain.

The Paprec Group has invested €25 million in this plant. The group now manages 30 selective collection plants in France, either in its own name or for local authorities. The Paprec Group has invested a total of almost €450 million in these plants. France's leading recycling firm now sorts the selective collection from more than 16 million inhabitants, i.e. 25% of the French population. These latest generation plants are also adapted to the new extended sorting instructions, which include complex plastics (such as trays, yoghurt pots, etc.) as well as the other categories of waste.

Their recycling processes produce almost 750,000 tonnes of new materials for production applications. "Recycled materials are the new raw materials of the 21<sup>st</sup> century", according to Jean-Luc Petithuguenin, CEO and founder of the Paprec Group. "Recycling is a crucial element of the circular economy".

## **About Trivalo 69**

15 latest generation optical sorting machines, 5 ballistic separators, 3 disc screen separators... The best technologies have been installed to ensure high performance sorting and guarantee optimal working conditions for the group's employees. The most recent innovations include our sorting robot, controlled by artificial intelligence. The sorting plant covers an area of 11,900 square metres. Sixty-five people work at the Paprec Trivalo 69 site. The plant is located opposite the group's regional head office and next to the Paprec Rhône-Alpes 69 agency. A total of 300 people work in this specialist centre.

## **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 12,500 employees working at over 220 sites in France and Switzerland. It has a turnover of €2bn.

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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