



Press release
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Jean-Luc Petithuguenin, named industry executive of the year by *Usine Nouvelle*

Every year for the *Assises de l'Industrie*, the teams of the weekly magazine, *Usine Nouvelle*, pick a new French industrial champion. The company director was selected by the publication's journalists for the firm's industrial, economic and societal performance.

Since the award was created, the editors have always picked CAC40* company directors. This year, however, France's leading industrial magazine selected Jean-Luc Petithuguenin, CEO and founder of Paprec, thus showcasing an entrepreneur at the helm of a family-owned business that is not listed on the stock exchange.

The editorial team was motivated by the excellent results of the Paprec Group, in spite of the somewhat chaotic economic context of 2020. The group's employees, mobilised since the lockdown at the start of the year, have continued to collect, sort and process the waste of their fellow citizens, thus contributing to the country's everyday operation. Furthermore, the choices made by Jean-Luc Petithuguenin and his group correspond to a quest for meaning that is gradually gaining ground. The main activity of the Paprec Group is related to the major environmental concerns of this century: preservation of resources, limitation of CO2 emissions. The positions adopted by the founder of Paprec in favour of diversity and equality were also highlighted.

"I am particularly touched and proud of this award from France's leading industrial publication and to be part of such a prestigious list of winners", declared Jean-Luc Petithuguenin. "I would like to share this award with all my teams, who demonstrate their excellence in a profession at the cutting edge of global technologies".

"I created this group 25 years ago, starting as a small business based in La Courneuve. I had a feeling that waste would become the raw materials of the 21st century and that it was possible to develop a French waste management champion founded upon strong human values: unity, excellence, secularism, gender equality and non-discrimination. Our workforce has expanded to 10,000 and throughout this growth period, my teams' motivation has remained constantly focussed on helping to make a greener planet and a more united society".

The teams at Paprec share Jean-Luc Petithuguenin's pride in being honoured by this industrial publication, which will be celebrating its 130th anniversary next year.

*Previous winners of the award include:

- 2019 Isabelle Kocher (Engie)
- 2018 Patrice Caine (Thalès)
- 2017 Emmanuel Faber (Danone)
- 2016 Thierry Breton (Atos)
- 2015 Eric Trappier (Dassault Aviation)
- 2014 Jacques Aschenbroich (Valeo)
- 2013 Jean-Paul Herteman (Safran)
- 2012 Jean-Pierre Clamadieu (Solvay)
- 2011 Olivier Piou (Gematto)
- 2010 Benoît Potier (Air Liquide)

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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