



Another victory for Paprec in selective collection sorting

The Paprec group will be designing and managing its 32nd selective collection sorting centre for SPL Tri Val-de-Loir(e). The leader of selective collection sorting, Paprec, sorts the contents of one in four of France's yellow recycling bins, managing 850,000 tonnes of recyclable household waste per year.

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Paprec, leader in the recycling industry with unrivalled recovery rates and raw material qualities recognised in 65 countries, integrates state of the art technology into the design of each new sorting plant.

This is widely acknowledged by local authorities who commend this permanent effort towards optimal recovery. SPL Tri Val-de-Loir(e) recently announced that it had selected France's leading recycling specialist for the design, construction, management and maintenance of its future sorting centre. Paprec and its partners will thus enable the region to switch to the extended sorting instructions and thus recover all plastic packaging (pots, films, trays, etc.) as well as the usual bottles and containers.

The collection, sorting and recycling of all types of plastic packaging is now available in just over half of France. Coverage will be extended to the rest of the country by the end of 2023.

SPL Tri Val-de-Loir(e)'s future plant will be located in the centre of the region, in Parçay-Meslay, near Tours. It will receive 53,000 tonnes of selective collection waste per year. This new collective entity, which comprises nine local authorities and serves 900,000 habitants, represents an investment of €40 million. The plant should be in service by the end of 2023.

"There is no shortage of innovations in this selective collection sorting centre, the group's 32nd, which is not only adapted to the extended sorting instructions and therefore to the new resins and plastic forms, but also to the variable flows observed in household waste: fewer newspapers and magazines and more cardboard packaging. It will enable high capture rates and recovery rates in excess of 90%," confirmed Stéphane Leterrier, Senior Executive Vice President of Paprec, responsible for local authority customers.

A whole range of machines, ballistic separators, optical sorting machines, magnets, eddy current separation systems, etc. serve to identify and separate the materials based on their physical properties. After processing, around a dozen new raw materials will be dispatched to production cycles (for new packaging or the paper and steel industries, etc.). *"The use of these new recycled raw materials helps to limit use of natural resources and cuts CO₂ emissions, thus making a solid contribution to the fight against climate change,"* pointed out Stéphane Leterrier.

A propos de 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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