



Press release

Paprec designs a final waste recovery plant for municipal waste association Syndicat des Portes de Provence

The Syndicat des Portes de Provence (SYPP) selected the Paprec group to design, build and operate its facility intended to process half the 110,000 tonnes of final waste produced in its catchment area (waste rejects from selective collection, household waste, bulky items, etc.). The SYPP represents 172 municipal authorities and 210,000 residents. It has long been proactive in its approach to reducing waste sent to landfill. The association will invest €41 million in the facility designed by Paprec.

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Paprec is France's leading recycling specialist, producing quality raw materials renowned in 65 countries. The parent company of the Coved group is also a major player in France in waste-to-energy, and a pioneer in organic waste recovery. This is demonstrated by the avant-garde development in Périgord, recognized by the European Commission. The Group was created in 1994 and now employs 12,500 people across 280 sites. The Group manages almost 6,000 contracts with local authorities, which appoint it to oversee their residential waste management and recovery requirements.

Recover almost 50% of final waste

A leitmotif at Paprec: deliver customised services and constantly seek to innovate and optimise waste recovery. Backed by strong ambitions and cross-discipline skills in waste management, Paprec teams at Coved have been selected by municipal waste association SYPP for a big first. In effect, for this association covering 172 municipal customers and 210,000 residents in South Drôme-Ardèche and North Vaucluse, the Group designed a wholly original plant to process some of the 110,000 tonnes of final waste produced in its catchment area. Until now, household waste, bulky items, waste rejects from selective collection, and OIW were sent directly to landfill. The aim of Paprec's future SYPROVAL facility will be to recover around 50% of this waste.

"At Paprec, our philosophy is not to just collect household waste on behalf of local authorities, but to create value from this waste," confirms Jean-Luc Petithuguenin, CEO and founder. "We will produce new, recycled raw materials which are re-injected into the

production process to replace natural resources. We will generate energy from sorting rejects which will reduce the use of fossil-derived energies," explains Eric Teilhard, Executive Vice President at Paprec, responsible for the Eastern region.

An innovative waste recovery plant

To generate value from waste that was until now stored in non-hazardous waste storage facilities, "our engineers imagined a plant where it would be possible to sort anything that is recyclable (metal, paper, card, plastics). A second part of the site serves to produce solid recovered fuel (SRF) and therefore to convert non-recyclable waste into energy. SRF can be used to replace fossil-derived fuels in industrial boilers. Lastly, the residual volume of waste will be reduced further by drying the organic fraction," reveals Stephane Leterrier, Executive Vice President of Paprec, responsible for local authority customers.

The aim of SYPP is to meet the requirements of the 2015 energy transition law for green growth, which specifies that the volume of waste sent to landfill in non-hazardous waste storage sites (ISDND) is halved by 2025. A demanding policy, which will require time and investment to design and build the facilities to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill.

The plant will be located near Montélimar (26) and represents an investment of €41 million for the association. Paprec will oversee the construction and operation of the facility, scheduled to commence in 2023.

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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