



Press release

## **Household waste: SPL Tri Berry Nivernais has chosen Paprec to create and manage its selective collection sorting centre**

***The local, publicly-owned company SPL Tri Berry Nivernais has chosen Paprec to create and manage its selective collection sorting centre. The 33<sup>rd</sup> plant of France's leading recycling operator, built in Bourges (18), will be adapted to the extended sorting instructions and thus enable the recovery of all the plastic packaging used by the area's 500,000 inhabitants. It represents a €28 million investment for the public authority.***

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Founded at the end of 2019, SPL Tri Berry Nivernais comprises sixteen public authorities in an area covering three departments of the Centre-Val de Loire region (Cher, Indre, Nièvre), and has a population of just over 500,000. "To implement the extended sorting instructions and thus recover all plastic packaging (pots, films, trays, etc., as well as the usual bottles), the elected representatives of this new company decided to invest in their own selective collection waste processing plant," explained Fabrice Berger, Chairman of SPL Tri Berry Nivernais. "We want an innovative, scalable tool. We therefore chose the Paprec group to design, build and then operate the plant, which will have an annual capacity of 30,000 tonnes," he continued.

On 8 July, Fabrice Berger, Chairman of SPL Tri Berry Nivernais, and Sébastien Petithuguenin, General Manager of the Paprec group, announced the details of plant construction. Scheduled to open in 2023, it will employ 40 people, including 22 sorting operators, and represents a €28 million investment for the public authority.

### **Paprec sorts the yellow bin contents of one in four French people**

Paprec is a leader of the recycling industry, with unrivalled recovery rates and raw material qualities recognised in 65 countries. With its 33 sorting plants, Paprec sorts the contents of one in four of France's yellow recycling bins, managing 850,000 tonnes of recyclable household waste per year. The group designs each new sorting plant using the best technologies available to provide public authorities with the best possible performance rates in terms of material recovery.

This plant will enable inhabitants to put all recyclable waste and packaging together in their yellow bins (paper, cardboard, cans, tins, plastic bottles, pots and trays, etc.). A series of machines, ballistic separators, optical sorting machines, magnets, eddy current separation systems, etc. identify and separate the materials according to their physical characteristics (shape, wavelength, magnetic attraction, etc.).

With recovery rates of over 90%, the site's latest generation equipment manages around ten different recyclable materials (clear and dark PET, PE/PP, PEHD, paper, cardboard, steel, other metals, etc.). These sorted materials are then dispatched to industries that use recycled raw materials (packaging, paper-making, steel industry, etc.). The plastics are sent to specialised Paprec recycling plants, as well as to other industrial customers. "Better sorting and recovery of waste means less use of natural resources and limited CO2 emissions; it also represents a valid contribution to the development of the circular economy and the fight against global warming," emphasised Fabrice Berger, Chairman of SPL Tri Berry Nivernais. "There is no shortage of innovations in this selective collection sorting centre, the group's 33<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

#### **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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