



Actiplast joins the Paprec group

Paprec, the French recycling leader, in particular plastics recycling, is taking over Actiplast (49), the PVC compounder and manufacturer.

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The 30 employees of Actiplast, located at Belligné in the Maine-et-Loire department, will become part of the great Paprec family, French recycling leader. For the last 35 years, the company has specialised in the formulation and production of PVC compounds, and has become the French reference, having created more than 30 000 formulas.

Compounding is an extrusion-granulation process that mixes plastics and additives by fusion. Carefully selected additives give the plastics specific appearance or mechanical properties. The final compound is thus manufactured as required, as a function of strict specifications defined by plastics manufacturing customers.

Actiplast is committed to playing its full role in the ecology transition and, in particular, is the first European company to be granted the ISCC PVC compounding label. Actiplast is permanently dedicated to innovation and was also the first French compounder to offer a CSTB certified formula for its PVC thermal insulation systems.

Sébastien Petithuguenin, general manager of the Paprec group, states *“Actiplast customers are increasingly requesting formulations based on recycled PVC. Bringing this specialist into our network of plants specialising in the manufacture of recycled resins therefore makes good sense. By combining our expertise, we shall now be able to offer plastics manufacturers recycled PVC formulations that meet their specific needs and help their ecological transition.”* »

Agnès Lenoir, the company manager, adds *“I decided to transfer the company to Paprec, as Paprec is a French industrial group with a long term vision. The arrival of the French recycling leader will allow investment to be continued, with sustainable activity, while retaining our major role in the protection of the planet.”*

The site will be coupled with the Paprec Plastiques 49 plant, the leading French PVC recycler. The plant is based at Trémentines, around 40 km from Actiplast, and offers its customers and partners 25 000 tons of recycled PVC per year. Paprec Plastiques 49 has developed a number of new PVC recycling technologies and is the only French plant that is CSTB certified for its recycled PVC, thus guaranteeing a very high quality, identical to the original fossil-based material.

The two plants thus form a PVC centre, with technological and environmental expertise that is unique in France.

About the Paprec Group and Paprec Plastiques:

The group was founded by Jean-Luc Petithuguenin and has been managed by him since its creation. Paprec is the French leader in the recycling field and now becomes the third ranking French operator for waste energy recovery and the treatment of waste (anaerobic digestion, composting, and management of non-hazardous waste storage sites).

In 25 years, the group has grown from 45 employees to 12,500, spread over more than 280 sites in both France and Switzerland. The group manages 16 million tons of waste and, this year, will achieve a turnover of more than 2 billion euros.

With 300 000 tons of plastic waste collected and recycled per year, the “Paprec Plastiques” division is the French plastics regeneration leader. Each of its twelve French plants specialises in a specific resin (PVC, PET, PP, PEHD, etc.).

Since its creation, the Paprec Group has been known and acknowledged for its commitment to multi-racialism, religious neutrality and the fight against all forms of discrimination within the group. Furthermore, Jean-Luc Petithuguenin has twice been selected for the Businessman of the year award, by Ernst and Young and by BFM Business. The journalists of L’Usine Nouvelle voted him Industry Manager of the year in 2020.

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