

Press Release



Paprec takes over CNIM's engineering teams

After CNIM O&M in July 2021, Paprec is welcoming the teams from CNIM E&E EPC. These technical and engineering teams bring with them a wealth of French expertise in thermal power plant design and waste recovery. They will allow the French leader in the circular economy to provide its customers with complete technical control over their projects, from design to operations. Paprec will be able to go farther in innovating and developing technology for managing waste while decarbonising the economy. The local-level approach developed by Paprec will make it possible to create a new platform of national and international excellence in La Seyne-sur-Mer.

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The Paris Commercial Court recently appointed Paprec to take over CNIM E&E EPC. The teams from this historic industry player will be solid assets for the French leader in recycling and the third-largest specialist in energy recovery and waste management.

After years of financial difficulties, Paprec is giving the CNIM E&E EPC teams an opportunity to move forward into a bright future in this industry. After the integration of CNIM O&M last summer, the arrival of the CNIM E&E EPC teams represents yet another strategic milestone for the future of the Paprec Group. *“The teams from CNIM E&E EPC developed some of the first valuable technologies in the field of thermal conversion units, waste and biomass combustion, and energy. By drawing on the unique know-how honed by Tiru and by CNIM E&E EPC and the teams’ technological expertise and capacity for innovation, we will be offering our customers extremely comprehensive solutions for waste-to-energy plants”*, noted Sébastien Petithuguenin, Managing Director of Paprec, in charge of the group's Technology division.

Expertise in the design of small and large waste recovery plants

The CNIM E&E EPC teams are experts in designing high-capacity waste recovery plants. Their technology is complementary to that of Tiru, bought by Paprec last summer, which holds patents to oscillating furnaces for smaller-capacity plants. *“We will be able to help cities and industrial clients to set up the most customised solutions possible for recovering energy from their waste, with the highest levels of environmental and energy performance. These solutions will allow them to adapt to the major environmental challenges of this century, and to actively contribute to the decarbonisation of the economy while still controlling all costs”*, specified Sébastien Petithuguenin, Managing Director of Paprec, in charge of the group's Technology division.

The Managing Director of Paprec went on to explain: *“These types of major projects will be important spearheads for the Paprec Group's international growth”*. In the summer of 2021, Paprec became France's third-largest energy recovery specialist after acquiring the O&M division of CNIM and Tiru – another gem in the French industrial sector. The group is now in especially high demand in the French market as well as the United Kingdom, Poland, and the French West Indies for the construction and operation of waste recovery plants and large-capacity power plants.

Preserving and developing French industrial excellence

Paprec's projects extend beyond its historic expertise in incineration, with a focus on developing the most innovative, energy-efficient, and environmentally friendly processes for processing waste, particularly in the fields of biomass boilers, CSR, pyrolysis and gasification, and anaerobic digestion. There is no better timing for the CNIM E&E EPC teams to begin providing their expertise in design and construction to the project recently won by Paprec in the Ile-de-France region. The French leader in recycling will design a plant in Gennevilliers that will be the European showcase for the production of green gas and fertiliser using bio-waste produced by local households.

“Our growth is due in no small part to innovation and cutting-edge technology. Preserving French expertise and excellence and keeping it in-country is therefore an integral part of our growth strategy”, noted Sébastien Petithuguenin. He explained that Tiru will celebrate its one-hundredth anniversary in June and that the history of CNIM dates back to the mid-19th century with their boat-building business: *“This company is able to adapt to the challenges of our times*

and, after specialising in boats and power plants, is reinventing itself for the third time to produce solutions for decarbonising the economy”, said Mr Petithuguenin.

A 5th national platform in La Seyne-sur-Mer for Paprec’s headquarters

Created thirty years ago by Jean-Luc Petithuguenin from a 40-person plant based in La Courneuve (93), the group is now proud to employ 12,500 people in eight countries. Turnover reached 2.2 billion euros last year. The company's primary focus is creating new raw materials and green energy from waste. This places Paprec at the heart of the major challenges of the 21st century. We offer important solutions for decarbonising the economy and preserving natural resources.

The group operates throughout France and in eight countries, offering customers services adapted to their local needs. Paprec has already set up four platforms for its offices in La Courneuve (93), Paris (75), Saint-Herblain (44), Chassieu (69), and Toulouse (41). The group will create a fifth platform for its office in La Seyne-sur-Mer (83). The teams from CNIM E&E and EPC will be joined by other support services from the group (IT, HR, payroll, accounting, and more).

About the Paprec Group:

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, 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 eight countries. In 2021, the group managed 16 million tonnes of waste and sales totalled 2.2 billion euros.

Since its creation, the Paprec Group has been known and acknowledged for its commitment to diversity, secularism 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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