



Neovia strengthens its aquaculture range of services and now stands as a majority shareholder of Acui-T: a water treatment specialist and recognised aquaculture solution integrator

Neovia becomes the majority shareholder of Acui-T: increase in shareholding to 60%. Acui-T is a French company specialised in the treatment of aquaculture pond water and a recognised integrator of solutions in this field. This transaction confirms Neovia's holistic approach of aquaculture: from supplying feed to controlling breeding pond issues in general.

Aquaculture: one of the mains solutions to the nutritional challenges of tomorrow

The growth of the world population (Latin America, Africa, Asia) and the rising standards of living will result in a 60% increase in world production of animal proteins by 2040. During this period, aquaculture production, which currently represents 4% of world production (41 million tonnes), will grow by 450% as it is a solution adapted to emerging markets with limited purchasing power (Africa, Asia, etc.) thanks to a high nutritional conversion rate.

The increase in aquaculture production will mainly occur in larger, better controlled and regulated farms based on the model used for land animals. Considering these issues, Neovia has selected "intensive aquaculture" as one of its five global priority innovation fields.

Neovia: a holistic approach to aquaculture

On the aquaculture market, the interaction between the animal (fish, prawns, etc.) and the environment (water) is fundamental and permanent. This is why Neovia has defined a holistic approach to aquaculture from feed to the management of fish ponds (quality, water system management) to ensure profitable and quality production that respects the environment. Neovia's majority shareholding in Acui-T fully meets this strategy and complements its global range of services.

Established in 2005, Acui-T has developed an aquaculture consultancy and technological solution integration activity. This company, based in Nantes (France), has leading expertise in water treatment and focuses on saving energy in water production and treatment processes. Thanks to new technologies, the treatment and recycling of water in aquaculture are optimised and help to define new standards (pumping equipment, ozone treatment).

Hubert de Roquefeuil, CEO of Neovia, underlines that "Neovia increase in shareholding in Acui-T will allow the company to strengthen its global range of services in aquaculture products and solutions, a sector that is experiencing a strong growth at world level, particularly in South America and Asia where Neovia already benefits from strong positions. In addition, this partnership is a concrete answer to the challenge of sustainable growth that the aquaculture industry is currently facing."

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