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## **InVivo signs partnership with Europorte to decarbonise rail transport for malt houses**

**The InVivo group, which has been involved in the "Fret 21" initiative for two years through its subsidiary Malteries Soufflet, is ramping up the decarbonisation of its rail transport—operated by Europorte—with the use of Oleo100, a fully plant-based biofuel developed by Saipol.**

### **A 60% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> from freight trains**

Each year, the InVivo group charters around 550 trains carrying cereals and malt to its port silos and industrial sites, in particular its malt houses. Europorte, which the group has used for many years, charters approximately 100 trains per year for InVivo to Rouen, Metz and, primarily, to the malt house in Strasbourg.

Until recently, locomotives mainly using capillary lines (non-electrified) ran on non-road diesel, a fuel historically used by such engines. Harboring ambitions to work towards the decarbonisation of rail transport, the InVivo group and Europorte wanted to put an end to its use. As such, the 100 trains operated for the group by Europorte will now run on Oleo100. This fully plant-based biofuel is a renewable energy source derived entirely from rapeseed harvested in France, and produced and marketed by Saipol, a subsidiary of the Avril Group. It offers a 60–80% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> compared to diesel, without significant changes to equipment being required.

### **A particularly beneficial approach for Malteries Soufflet**

Malteries Soufflet already working towards carbon neutrality now has close to 70 malting barley trains powered by Oleo100 delivering to the Strasbourg malt house. The partnership with Europorte will thus enable Malteries Soufflet to save 900 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per year, contributing to the 1300 tonnes saved at group level.

Guillaume Couture, CEO of Malteries Soufflet: *"The benefits of this wonderful project are expected to extend beyond Malteries Soufflet, since our partner Europorte also works with Soufflet Agriculture. On average, we expect to save 1300 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per year."*

Raphaël Doutrebente, Group CEO of Europorte: *"We are delighted to be supporting the InVivo group, a long-standing customer, in the process of decarbonising its supply chain. Its interest in our Oleo100 locomotive offering which is the result of the partnership we entered into with the Avril Group two years ago is a true sign of confidence in the reliability and quality of our solution, and reinforces our status as a leading railway operator in the energy transition."*

Christophe Beaunoir, CEO of Saipol: *"In line with the history of our Group and its purpose, Serving the Earth, we at Saipol are proud to contribute to the decarbonisation of transport, and more broadly of the agricultural sector, by providing innovative and sustainable solutions based on 100% French rapeseed. This is proof that French agriculture is a powerful lever for transitions."*



### **About the InVivo group**

The InVivo group is one of Europe's leading agricultural groups with a turnover of close to 12 billion euro, more than half of which is generated in France, and a workforce numbering over 14,500 employees, of whom approximately 11,000 are located in France. It has a presence in 38 countries, with 90 industrial sites, including 63 in France.

A cornerstone of food sovereignty, it operates across the entire value chain, from farm to fork, and is a leader in each of its four major strategic areas of activity: international grain trade, agriculture, agri-food (malt, wheat, wine), garden centres and food retail. A cross-functional global centre for innovative and digital solutions completes this package.

Promoting agricultural transition, InVivo's ambition is to assist in the transformation of French farms and support European food sovereignty.

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### **About Europorte**

Europorte, the rail freight subsidiary of Getlink, is the first fully private rail freight operator. Europorte works every day to foster a unique culture and an innovative global offering based on four fundamental values: safety, quality of service, punctuality and digitalisation. Europorte operates along the entire logistics chain of rail freight transport in Europe and offers its customers a rail traction service for mainline freight trains 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via Europorte France, as well as infrastructure management via Europorte Services. Europorte's employees engage with customers on a daily basis to promote modal transport and decarbonise logistics chains.

### **About Saipol**

Saipol, a subsidiary of Avril, is a European leader in oilseed processing (rapeseed and sunflower). As a player in major transitions—agricultural, food and energy—Saipol develops value-added solutions based on edible vegetable oils, protein-rich oilseed cakes, and low-carbon renewable energies. Saipol's brands and solutions for the energy and food transition contribute to a regenerative economy that finances the agricultural transition and the role of agriculture in carbon sequestration, while also feeding the world: OleoZE, OleoVE, Diester, Oleo100.

Saipol employs 600 people in France and has five industrial sites, four of which operate using carbon-free energy.

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