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**PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Saint-Sulpice-la-Pointe (81): Teréga accelerates the roll-out of CNG and signs a connection contract with SEVEN Occitanie SAS**

**Teréga, the leading independent French gas infrastructure operator in the Far South-West and SEVEN Occitanie SAS, an investor, builder and operator of “green multi-energy” stations for road and maritime transport, signed a contract last January.**

**Its purpose is to connect up a station equipped with compressed natural biogas for vehicles (Bio CNG), located in the municipality of Saint-Sulpice-la-Pointe (Tarn). It is scheduled to go into service in December 2021.**

*"Collaborating with SEVEN Occitanie was a natural decision for Teréga. Today, the CNG sector is an appropriate, sustainable and economical alternative for transport. This great project is fully in line with our role as an accelerator of the energy transition and meets our desire to promote the everyday use of renewable energies."*

**Dominique Mockly, Chairman and CEO of Teréga**

*"The expectations around Bio CNG are very high because it is a competitive and operational response to the economic and environmental challenges facing our society. At SEVEN, we are counting on joint action and on innovation to accelerate this energy transition and are convinced that the agility of SMEs, combined with the power of major industrial groups like Teréga, is one of the key ways of achieving this."*

**Jean-Michel Richeton, Chairman of SEVEN**

### **A project for local players which accords with the regional ambitions for clean mobility.**

Through this collaboration, Teréga will materialise its second connection of a CNG station to the transport grid and the first connection in the Occitanie region.

The project to build a station equipped with renewable gas came from the desire of the Regional Infrastructure Mobility Directorate of Occitanie to promote the development of a network of stations equipped with CNG and BioH<sub>2</sub>, a fuel derived from hydrogen production, in line with the mobility of tomorrow.

Moreover, the creation of the local public company (SPL) “Point-to-point” passenger-transport vehicle depot managed by the Occitanie region, in the heart of the Cadaux business area, accelerated the decision to build a station on an adjacent plot for refuelling its vehicles. This initiative is supported by the federation of municipalities of Tarn-Agout, which proposed the acquisition of the plots to SEVEN and to the SPL.

With a flow rate of 900 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h, the station will have 4 CNG lanes. The private part will be dedicated to the fifteen buses of the local fleet of the SPL and the public part to all vehicles, from heavy trucks to private cars. Work is scheduled to begin in October and be finished no later than December for entry into service of the station. The connection work to the Teréga grid should be completed in 2 months.

Today, more than **20 million** vehicles run on compressed natural gas worldwide. With the possibility of reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by about **70%** and fine particles by **90%** compared to a diesel vehicle of the same generation, CNG, an inexpensive and odourless fuel, offers one of the best trade-offs in terms of the environment and complete cost of use over a vehicle's lifetime.

### **Technical characteristics of the proposed connection:**

- Construction of a steel connecting pipe of approximately 30 m in length made of DN50 crossing only the private land belonging to Seven Occitanie SAS and the installation of a buried safety valve.
- Installation of a "pay as you go" delivery point and connection to the existing Teréga DN 200 Villaries-St Sulpice Agout RG pipeline.

### **Teréga & SEVEN Occitanie: pooling expertise to promote low-carbon mobility.**

Operating for nearly 75 years in the Far South-West of France, Teréga, a specialist in the transport and storage of natural and renewable gas, also wishes to become an actor of the circular economy.

Synergy with local regional actors to build together tomorrow's energy models is at the heart of Teréga's DNA. Working alongside SEVEN Occitanie SAS, engaged in promoting alternative fuels, to support the deployment of the greener stations of the future was natural. This collaboration is fully in line with the company's values, its **IMPACTS 2025** transformation plan and its wish to meet the objectives of the Energy Transition Act for Green Growth (LTECV), namely reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 40% and achieving 32% of renewable energy in the energy mix by 2030.

### **About Teréga**

Established in South-West France, at the crossroads between major European gas flows, Teréga has exercised exceptional expertise for over 75 years in the development of gas transport and storage

infrastructures. Today, it continues to develop innovative solutions to overcome the major energy challenges facing France and Europe. A true accelerator of the energy transition, Teréga operates over 5,000 km of pipelines and 2

underground storage reservoirs representing 16% of the French gas transport grid and 26% of national storage capacities. In 2020, the company generated revenues of €460m and had more than 660 employees.

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**About SEVEN Occitanie SAS**

**SEVEN, a green mobility actor**

SEVEN was created in March 2017 with the idea of developing practical and operational mobility solutions to accelerate the energy transition in the transport sector. Since its creation, it has been working to produce, distribute and promote two alternative fuels produced from renewable resources: Bio CNG and Bio Hydrogen.

**SEVEN, a brand new "short-supply chain fuel" project**

The winners of several national and European calls for projects, the company is growing rapidly on a new "short-supply chain fuel" model. Contributing both to the development of the regions and to reducing their carbon footprint, this award-winning model is supported financially by ADEME and Europe to the tune of several million euros. It enables the company to fully support local biofuel projects; to develop, build, and operate refuelling stations while creating the conditions for a positive transformation towards sustainable mobility within the regions.

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