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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Inauguration of France's largest biogas plant in Mourenx: a major connection for the Teréga grid**

**Last December, Teréga, a gas operator working to accelerate the energy transition, commissioned a biomethane injection station for the BioBéarn methanisation unit located in Mourenx (Pyrénées-Atlantiques, South-West France). This is the 7<sup>th</sup> biomethane production site connected directly to the Teréga transport grid.**

*"Connecting the territory's largest methanisation unit to our transport grid is a strong sign for Teréga. This 7<sup>th</sup> connection perfectly illustrates our desire to contribute to the energy transition and promote the transport of green gas on our grid. It also reflects our commitment to the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region to achieve 100% green gas by 2050."*

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

#### **Teréga, historical partner of the Lacq territory**

Teréga and the Lacq territory are linked by a common history that goes back for more than 75 years. Since 1951, when the largest natural gas deposit in France was discovered in Lacq, Teréga has been developing its gas transport and storage infrastructures to operate the deposit correctly and supply gas to the country.

#### **Teréga, stakeholder of the energy transition in the territories**

Strongly committed to the energy transition of the territories and helping to develop an energy mix favouring the production of green energies such as biomethane, synthetic methane or renewable hydrogen, Teréga is proud to contribute to the transformation of the Lacq basin by supporting the BioBéarn green gas production project.

#### **TotalEnergies and BioBéarn: at the heart of the energy challenges facing New Aquitaine**

Operated by TotalEnergies, BioBéarn is the largest methanisation unit in France. Its production capacity will eventually be 160 GWh/year, equivalent to the average annual consumption of more than 50,000 inhabitants. It will enable the recovery of more than 200,000 tonnes of organic waste and thus prevent 32,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per year.

This new connection operated by Teréga is the second project carried out in collaboration with TotalEnergies, after the BioVilleneuve project in Villeneuve-sur-Lot (Lot-et-Garonne, South-West France) in 2016.

## Teréga, adapts to enable all biomethane injection projects

For more than 10 years, Teréga has been supporting project developers of all sizes to promote the injection of biomethane into its gas grid.

Our expertise lies in providing an injection station so that biomethane produced from materials available on the territory can be integrated into our network and thus be made available to end consumers in a virtuous loop of local circular economy.

For BioBéarn, we adapted the design of our injection station to be able to accommodate the large quantities of biomethane that the project will generate and thus contribute to its full success.

## Teréga, stakeholder in the biomethane industry

As of April 2023, Teréga has 15 connection contracts for methanisation units, including 7 sites already in production and 8 under construction.

In 2022, 630 GWh of biomethane circulated in the Teréga grid, which is approximately 10% of national production. In 2023, this quantity should increase by more than 30%, particularly due to the production of BioBéarn.

## About Teréga

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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 network and 25% of national storage capacity. The company had a turnover of €488 million in 2021, and has about 650 employees.

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