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PRESS RELEASE

Damazan (47): Teréga connects its network to the future NGV station of Bio-GNV du Confluent SAS

Teréga, France's leading independent gas infrastructure operator, has sealed its commitment to Bio-GNV du Confluent SAS and announced the connection of a Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle (CNGV) station in Damazan in the Lot-et-Garonne department (47).

Strategically located between Bordeaux and Toulouse, the station is scheduled to open in mid-April 2021.

Through this collaboration, Teréga is making its **first connection of an NGV station** to the transport network a reality. This work comes after signing the connection contract with Bio-GNV du Confluent responsible for constructing and operating the future station.

A GNV station at the heart of a regional project

This project is part of the TEPOS program (Positive Energy Territories) led by the community of communes of the Confluence and Coteaux de Prayssas whose ambition is to develop renewable and local energy sources as alternatives to historical fuels. This project brings together the Territoires d'Énergies 47* energy syndicate, which initiated the creation of Bio-GNV du Confluent SAS, as well as local transporters such as Biocoop, a forerunner in food transport with GNV vehicles.

Located in the heart of the Confluence Business Park, the Damazan station will distribute bioNGV, the renewable equivalent of NGV from biomethane production, in three areas. Designed to accommodate up to 40 HGVs per day, it will rely primarily on the fleet of the neighbouring company Biocoop and the vehicles arriving from the nearby A62 exit no.6.

With the possibility of reducing CO2 emissions by about **70%** and fine particles by **80%** compared to a diesel vehicle of the same generation, bioNGV offers one of the best compromises in terms of environment and complete cost of use over the life cycle of the vehicles.

"We have chosen to purchase the certificates of origin for bioGNV exclusively from local producers. Thus our station participates in the development of methanisers in the Lot-et-Garonne. It is a strong choice that allows us to give back part of the energy control to the territory and ensure our farmers have a complementary income.

The choice of bioGNV is a perfectly operational and controlled solution that allows a rapid improvement towards clean and virtuous mobility. It is essential that as many carriers as possible switch to this solution, which can be deployed very quickly, in order to start their ecological transition as soon as possible. "

David Pujol, CEO of Bio-GNV du Confluent SAS

"The AVERGIES semi-public company was created by Territoire d'Énergie Lot-et-Garonne to invest in the infrastructures necessary for the energy transition. The construction of this second station in the department, alongside the Pujol group, is fully in line with this perspective. At the same time, we are working alongside farmers to develop methanisation units that will produce biomethane injected into the gas network and consumed at this station.

BioNGV is the perfect example of a circular economy that brings value to the territory while benefiting the environment.

Given the high demand, AVERGIES is committed to building new BioNGV stations. The next ones will be located in the Agen and Marmande urban areas to have a network of the main economic centres of the department."

Pascal De Sermet, CEO of AVERGIES

Technical characteristics of the proposed connection:

- **Construction of a branch line with a DN 50 mm diameter pipe and a length of about 190 m as well as a buried safety valve**
- **Creation of a high pressure delivery station connected to the existing Teréga DN 200 mn Anzex-Buzet/Baize pipeline**

Teréga, a gas actor committed to green energy and sustainable mobility

"We are proud of this collaboration which also makes the first GNV connection contract for Teréga a reality. As a responsible, forward-looking gas actor, we have always been convinced that the development of new gases must be supported. Today, GNV has become an alternative in the energy mix for mobility because of its many environmental and economic advantages that the territories have clearly identified."

Gilles Doyhamboure, Director of Commerce & Regulation, Teréga

Operating for nearly 75 years in the South-West of France, Teréga is a specialist in the transport and storage of natural and renewable gas, and is faithful to its role as an accelerator of energy transition. Devoted to its area of operation and anxious to commit to a more sustainable energy, the company actively promotes renewable gases such as NGV: a relevant alternative to the energy mix of existing transport.

Joining forces with Bio-GNV du Confluent SAS to support the deployment of the public station in Damazan is therefore an obvious choice for Teréga.

* formerly known as Syndicat départemental d'électricité et d'énergie du Lot-et-Garonne or SDEE 47

About Teréga

Established in South-West France, at the crossroads between major European gas flows, Teréga has shared exceptional know-how for over 75 years in the development of gas transport and storage infrastructure. 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 26% of national storage capacities. In 2019, the company generated revenues of €500 million and had more than 650 employees.

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About Bio-GNV du Confluent SAS

Bio-GNV SAS was formed by the association of the AVERGIES semi-public company, created by the Territoire d'Énergie 47 union, and the Pujol Group through its subsidiary Nature Gaz. We have the common determination to be committed actors in favour of the energy autonomy of the Region. The first station to emerge from this association, Bio-GNV du Confluent, is part of the departmental plan defined for Lot-et-Garonne, with a target of four stations by 2022. At the same time, Nature Gaz offers companies and local authorities environmental change management missions to advise and support them in the transformation of their vehicle fleets.

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