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THE DEPLOYMENT OF COMPOSTING SOLUTIONS FOR FOOD WASTE IN CITIES IS ACCELERATING THANKS TO THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE SPHERE GROUP AND THE ALCHEMISTS

08 April 2021 - Paris. On the occasion of the National Week of Proximity Composting (27 March-10 April), the SPHERE group, European leader in household packaging, and Les Alchimistes, one of the leading social utility companies in the collection and composting of urban food waste in France, announce that they are joining forces to achieve a common goal : to accompany citizens in the deployment of the sorting, collection and composting of their bio-waste. The Law on the fight against waste and the circular economy stipulates that by 31 December 2023 all citizens should have a practical solution for sorting their bio-waste at source. And 2023... that's tomorrow and a lot remains to be done !

The partnership is based on the deployment of voluntary drop-off points in three areas of the Ile de France: the 13th, 14th and a district of Seine Saint Denis. Residents will be able to deposit their food waste in ALFAPAC compostable bags in ergonomic and accessible bins near their homes. The Alchemists will take care of the collection and composting of food waste as well as the maintenance of the drop-off points. The SPHERE group - a pioneer in the production and distribution of compostable biobased materials and products worldwide - is providing the pre-collection equipment: ALFAPAC bio-bins and compostable bags in order to facilitate the sorting process for participating households. The system will be deployed at the end of May.



At a time when the recovery of household waste represents a regulatory, economic and environmental challenge for local authorities, the separate collection of bio-waste, which represents around 30% of French waste bins, is one of the main ways of optimising waste management.



"I am delighted with this partnership, which will enable the use of compostable biosourced bags to be deployed even more rapidly, as they are practical for transport and easy to use. They also limit nuisances such as odours, insect development and juice run-off, advantages that were mentioned by ADEME in its 2019 report *," says **John Persenda, CEO of the SPHERE Group**.

"The ambition of the experiment is to show the capacity of the Alchemists and SPHERE to mobilise and raise awareness among a sufficiently large number of households on the source separation of biowaste in the experimental territories. We are very pleased with this partnership, which is in line with our desire to make the source separation of biowaste a simple reflex. The compost nourishes the impoverished soil and the volume of waste bins at home is significantly reduced", **explains Alexandre Guilluy, co-founder and President of Les Alchimistes**.

*Source ADEME report: <https://bit.ly/3uapUn0>

About SPHERE

Founded in 1976, SPHERE is a French family-owned group, the European leader in household packaging and one of the world's leading producers of compostable bio-based materials for films and bags.

With 14 production sites in Europe, 7 of which are located in France, and an annual production of 210,000 tons of films and bags, including 170,000 extruded products and 40,000 uncoiled products, SPHERE achieved a turnover of 640 million euros in 2020 and employs 1,480 people.

ALFAPAC is a brand of the SPHERE group, which has been equipping French kitchens for more than 35 years with eco-responsible products: natural cooking paper from eco-managed Landes forests, freezer bags made from vegetable materials, bin liners made from recycled or compostable biosourced materials, etc.

ALFAPAC - The right waste, in the right bag!

With its range of compostable biosourced bags for sorting food waste, ALFAPAC is committed to making its environmental contribution to the sorting of bio-waste at source in private households.

About Les Alchimistes

Les Alchimistes is an ESUS (Entreprise Solidaire d'Utilité Sociale) whose business is the collection and composting of urban biowaste locally. We recover food waste into compost to nourish the soil. With the composting of food waste we create a virtuous cycle for more sustainable ecosystems and return precious nutrients to the earth.

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