

## PRESS RELEASE

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### ***Setec énergie environnement and Encis environnement are joining forces to create a unique environmental research and engineering centre in France.***

**The strategic alliance between the two companies brings together more than 260 experts—biologists, engineers, landscape architects, and specialists in air, climate, soil, and energy—now covering all environments, both terrestrial and marine, and all components of the environmental chain: assessment, design, monitoring, and development.**

The two companies will offer an integrated service, covering both land and sea, to support the ecological transition. Their ambition is to offer solutions based on a global perspective on all environmental issues, for urban, energy, agricultural, industrial and tourism projects. This expertise will also serve to strengthen the existing environmental engineering capabilities of setec's projects.

#### **Complementary marine and land expertise**

Specialising in marine biodiversity and environmental assessment for major coastal and industrial projects, *setec énergie environnement* has been supporting public and private stakeholders in their ecological and energy transition strategies for over forty years.

Encis Environnement is a major provider of environmental assessments for photovoltaic and onshore wind energy projects. The company is renowned for providing services in the fields of terrestrial biodiversity, landscape, water and agronomy, renewable energies and the regulatory environment. The company has 20 years of experience and strong regional presence, with more than 110 employees across eight regional offices.

*“This alliance seals a natural complementarity between two companies driven by shared values: independence, scientific rigour and proximity to local communities. From the sea to the land, we are combining our expertise to support transitional projects throughout their entire lifecycle.”*

**Sylvain LE ROUX**, Deputy Managing Director of Encis environnement by setec

#### **A new leader in environmental assessment**

The merger between *setec énergie environnement* and Encis environnement establishes the new entity as a key figure in supporting ecological transition. The transaction takes the form of a 53% acquisition of Encis environnement by *setec énergie environnement*, with the existing partners maintaining the remaining 47%.

Their combined scope includes more than 50 environmental project managers, 80 biologists, 20 landscape designers and computer graphic specialists, 50 waste and circular economy specialists, and 50 renewable energy experts.

*“This merger gives us the means to go further, together. Encis Environnement will now benefit from the strength of an engineering group renowned for their ability to manage complex and ambitious projects, while retaining the company’s identity and proximity in the field.”*

**Stéphane Bicocchi, General Director of setec énergie environnement.**

### Shared values of independence and scientific rigour

The financial independence of the two partners, both of which are majority-owned by their employees, sets them apart. Together, they are now able to operate across the entire environmental value chain, from impact studies to strategic consulting.

The new entity is also involved in research and development programmes and environmental project management, responding to the challenges presented by climate change, resource conservation and ecological planning.

*“Setec énergie environnement and Encis environnement go beyond legal requirements for environmental assessment. We use our field surveys to analyse and consolidate the academic data available. We share the same scientific standards, which provide project owners with solid expertise and contribute to the latest developments in the field, for the benefit of all.”*

**François PIGAUX, Deputy General Director of Encis environnement by setec**

### Comprehensive environmental expertise for setec

This strategic alliance opens a new chapter for setec, already recognised for the quality of its regulatory environmental studies. Encis environnement will continue to grow, drawing on the group's resources and synergies.

setec's ambition is to become a major player in the environmental, biodiversity and resource conservation markets, in line with global challenges.

The strengthening of the group's expertise in the preservation and protection of natural environments, both terrestrial and maritime, accompanies the development of ecological engineering for the development projects that setec chooses to support.

*“This merger opens up new market opportunities, consolidates our expertise and gives us a scale that will make us a partner of choice for public and private stakeholders in the ecological transition. It is a reassuring and promising step forward: Encis environnement is joining a strong group that shares its values and ambition.”*

**Michel Kahan, President of the setec group**

## About setec énergie environnement:

setec énergie environnement is the setec group's subsidiary specialising in energy and the environment. As a committed player in societal change in the context of major transitions, setec énergie environnement combines a systemic approach to energy and the environment with expert knowledge of complex projects to offer private and public project leaders in France and abroad a comprehensive view of their environmental impact and support in implementing practical solutions and monitoring their effectiveness over time.

Setec énergie environnement is ISO 14001 and 9001 certified.

Setec énergie environnement has been awarded the ECOVADIS label and is a member of the BPI community of COQ VERT.

## About Encis Environnement,

Founded in 2004 in Limoges by researchers in environmental geography, is an independent consulting company recognised for its expertise in engineering and environmental assessment. Stemming from the citizen energy movement – as reflected in its name, Énergie Citoyenne et Solidaire (Citizen and Solidarity Energy) – the company initially supported local authorities and citizen groups in the development of wind and solar power projects.

Over the years, Encis Environnement has expanded its expertise to cover all environmental issues: regulatory environment, terrestrial biodiversity, landscape and computer graphics, water and agronomy, renewable energy engineering and decarbonisation. With eight agencies across France, today it employs more than 100 people – technicians, biologists, engineers and research managers – working alongside public and private stakeholders.

**About setec** Founded in 1957, setec is an independent, multidisciplinary engineering group with a presence in 20 countries, wholly owned by its employees. They design and implement major projects in the fields of buildings, infrastructure, transport, the environment, water management, energy and urban development. They share the ambition of providing sustainable solutions to the challenges and major transitions of today and tomorrow. The group's 4,000 employees are driven by the Engineers and Citizens approach, embodied by four values: "excellence", a prerequisite for accessing stimulating projects; "people first", because working together in small teams is a guarantee of success; "free to dare", because proposing innovation and new methods enables progress; and "committed, honest and responsible" to shape more responsible territories. [www.setec.fr](http://www.setec.fr)

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