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Avril commits to reducing its CO₂ emissions generated by transport in France by 60% between now and 2025

Endorsing the United Nations' goal of limiting global warming to 2°C, as stated in the COP 21 Paris Agreements, and consistent with its purpose - "Serving the Earth", as announced in May 2021 - Avril commits to reducing its total direct and indirect* greenhouse gas emissions 30% by the year 2030.

Among the initiatives planned to achieve this objective, Avril announced its determination to accelerate the decarbonization of its supply chain, with an emphasis placed on improving the carbon footprint of its truck transportation. The company's objective is to reduce the CO₂ emissions associated with its transport of goods with a 60% decrease by 2025.

Accordingly, in 2023, 50% of the Group's chartered truck fleets will run on Oleo100 and by 2025 this will increase to 100%. Oleo100 is the 100% renewable** B100 energy produced by the Group's oilseed processing subsidiary Saipol, using exclusively French origin rapeseed.

This commitment encompasses all of Avril's business activities across the Group's subsidiaries in France. This applies to its four priority markets: Specialties, Consumer Goods, Oilseed Processing & Renewable Energies, and Solutions for Agriculture.

More specifically, this commitment appears in the specifications of the service providers retained by Avril. It covers:

- Inbound freight: for the transport of raw material to its industrial sites;
- Outbound freight: for the transport of finished products to its clients, farmers, processors, and distributors.

This initiative was instigated by Lesieur, a subsidiary of Avril. Last July, as part of its membership in the FRET21*** collective initiative, Lesieur announced its ambition to decarbonize all of its transport by 25% within three years.

According to Jean-Philippe PUIG, CEO of the Group, "By 2023, all transport chartered by Avril in France will be committed to the Oleo100 initiative. This exemplifies the commitment of the Group and its partners to convert their fleets to a 100% carbon-free transport operation. This collective approach motivates our suppliers, as well as our upstream and downstream clients, to more effectively integrate the impact of transportation into their sustainable development strategy. Attentive to the concerns of our clients and consumers, it is also a sign of the commitment of our products and brands towards the preservation of the planet."

**(vs. the baseline year 2019)*

***This energy is 100% vegetable, renewable, and of French origin. In addition, it is available to all transporters of people and goods, whether private or public, to enable companies and local authorities to shift away from fossil fuels and to help improve air quality.*

**** Supported by the Agency for Ecological Transition (ADEME), the Association of Freight Transport Users (AUTF), and backed by the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Solidarity, the FRET21 system enables shippers*

to implement their action plan to reduce the environmental impact of their transport and to monitor their results over 3 years. <https://fret21.eu/>

About Avril

Founded in 1983 as an initiative of the agricultural world to ensure sustainable outlets for French production, Avril is the main industrial and financial player in the vegetable oil and protein sector. It is built upon two complementary trades that are key to the strength of its model. On the one hand, an industrial business organized around plant processing, from the seed to the processed product. And on the other hand, an investment business, carried out by its subsidiary, Sofiprotéol, through the acquisition of minority holdings in support of companies in the French agricultural and agri-food sectors.

Present in sectors as diversified as consumer food, animal nutrition and expertise, renewable energies, and green chemistry, Avril relies on a portfolio of well-known brands that are leaders in their fields both in France and abroad: Bunica (Romania), Lesieur, Matines, Oleo100, Puget, Sanders, Taous (Morocco)...

For nearly 40 years, the Group has remained true to its original mission: feeding people and animals, and preserving the planet. In view of the current challenges posed by the climate emergency and the demographic growth that is putting a strain on resources, Avril has chosen to reaffirm its power to act, expressed through its purpose: Serving the Earth. Serving the Earth and the six commitments that support this purpose are a genuine driving force for the men and women of Avril on a daily basis. They reflect the Group's new ambition to become the leader in plant-based solutions for the agricultural, food, and environmental transitions.

In 2020, Avril generated a turnover of €5.8 billion. With a presence in 19 countries, it employs nearly 7,600 people at 82 industrial sites around the world. For further information: groupeavril.com | Twitter @Avril | LinkedIn Avril

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