

# PRESS RELEASE

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## **InVivo signs a partnership with Europorte to decarbonise rail transport for malt houses**

**The InVivo Group, which has been involved in the “Fret 21” initiative for two years through its subsidiary Malteries Soufflet, is ramping up its strategy to decarbonise its rail transport (operated by Europorte) using Oleo100, a fully plant-based biofuel developed by Saipol.**

### **A 60% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from freight trains**

The InVivo Group charters approximately 550 trains of cereals and malt every year to its port silos and industrial facilities, especially its malt houses. The Group has been enlisting the services of Europorte for many years, which charters about 100 trains for InVivo every year to Rouen, Metz and primarily the malt house in Strasbourg.

Until recently, locomotives mainly travelling along non-electrified lines were powered by off-road diesel, which is the long-standing fuel for these engines. Empowered by their shared ambition of decarbonising rail transport, the InVivo Group and Europorte were keen to phase out off-road diesel. The 100 trains that Europorte operates on behalf of the InVivo Group will now run on Oleo100. This fully plant-based biofuel is a renewable energy source derived entirely from rapeseed harvested in France, and subsequently produced and marketed by Avril Group subsidiary Saipol. Compared to diesel, it can reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 60% to 80% without needing any significant changes to the equipment.

### **An initiative that will especially benefit Malteries Soufflet**

Malteries Soufflet is already pursuing a net zero strategy, but will now have nearly 70 Oleo100-powered malting barley trains delivering to the Strasbourg malt house. The partnership with Europorte will enable Malteries Soufflet to save 900 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> a year out of the 1,300 tons saved across the Group.

**Guillaume Couture, CEO of Malteries Soufflet:** *“Soufflet Malteries is not expected to be the only stakeholder that will reap the benefits from this tremendous venture, since our partner Europorte also works with Soufflet Agriculture. On average, we are expecting to save 1,300 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> every year.”*

**Raphaël Doutrebente, Group CEO of Europorte:** *“We are delighted to lend our support to the InVivo Group, a long-standing customer, in decarbonising its logistics chain. Their interest in our Oleo100 locomotive solution, which can be credited to the partnership that we signed with the Avril Group two years ago, is a real hallmark of confidence in the reliability and quality of our solution, and strengthens our reputation as a leading railway operator in the energy transition.”*

**Christophe Beaunoir, CEO of Saipol:** *“Building on the Group’s legacy and its corporate purpose of Serving the Earth, the teams here at Saipol are proud to play an active role in decarbonising transport and, more broadly, the agricultural sector, by proposing innovative and sustainable solutions produced from 100% French rapeseed. This proves that French agriculture is a powerful driving force for leading change.”*

### **About the InVivo Group**

*The InVivo Group is one of Europe's leading agricultural groups with revenue of nearly €12 billion, over half of which is generated in France, and a workforce of more than 14,500 employees, including nearly 11,000 in France. The Group is active in 38 countries with 90 industrial sites, including 63 in France.*

*This food sovereignty champion operates across the entire value chain, from farm to fork, and is a leader in each of its four main strategic activities, namely international grain trade, agriculture, agri-food (malt, wheat and wine), and garden centres and food retail. A global cross-functional centre for innovative and digital solutions completes this system.*

*In an effort to move the agricultural transition forward, InVivo's ambition is to guide French farms in transforming their practices while supporting European food sovereignty.*

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### **About Europorte**

*Europorte, Getlink's rail freight subsidiary, is the first fully private rail freight operator. Every day, Europorte works to build a unique organisational culture and an end-to-end range of innovative solutions based on four fundamental values, i.e. safety, quality of service, punctuality and digitisation. Europorte operates across the entire rail freight logistics chain in Europe and provides its customers with a 24/7 rail traction service for mainline freight trains via Europorte France, as well as infrastructure management through Europorte Services. Europorte's employees are committed to engaging with customers on a daily basis to promote modal transport and decarbonise logistics chains.*

### **About Saipol**

*Saipol, an Avril Group subsidiary, is a European leader in oilseed processing (rapeseed and sunflower). As an active player in leading the major transitions in agriculture, food and energy, Saipol develops value-added solutions based on edible vegetable oils, protein-rich oilseed cakes and low-carbon renewable energies. Saipol's brands and solutions for the energy and food transition contribute to a regenerative economy that finances the agricultural transition and the role of agriculture in carbon sequestration, while feeding the world: OleoZE, OleoVE, Diester, Oleo100.*

*Saipol employs 600 people in France and has five industrial sites, four of which operate using carbon-free energy. For more information: [www.saipol.com](http://www.saipol.com) | Twitter: @Saipol\_officiel | LinkedIn: Saipol*