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Press release

AVRIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARY SAIPOL ACQUIRE THE CHAMPLOR PLANT IN VERDUN, LOCATED AT THE HEART OF ONE OF FRANCE'S MAIN RAPESEED PRODUCTION AREAS

Avril announces the completion, through its subsidiary Saipol, of the acquisition of the Champlor industrial facility located in Verdun (Meuse). The plant specializes in crushing, refining and the production of oils and biodiesel from rapeseed. It processes approximately 400,000 tons of seeds per year sourced from the Grand Est region of France.

A project fully aligned with Avril's founding mission

Created by and for the agricultural community, Avril's mission is to sustainably add value to French agricultural production. The acquisition by Saipol, a subsidiary of Avril, of the Champlor site from its current owner, Valtris, is fully aligned with this commitment and further strengthens the Group's industrial footprint across France.

Located at the heart of one of France's main rapeseed production areas, this facility enables Avril to secure and sustain the processing of French seeds within their production basins, in close connection with farmers and local agricultural cooperatives.

A concrete response to growing market needs

The products manufactured at the Verdun site are key levers to meet industrial customers' expectations for traceable, sustainable and competitive vegetable oils. The integration of this site within Saipol will further reinforce this role.

A high-performance industrial asset and recognized expertise

This acquisition is part of Avril's strategy to support and develop diversified, sustainable and competitive outlets for French oilseed production, while addressing food and decarbonization challenges. The site's teams will continue their activities within Saipol, with a clear commitment to maintaining existing industrial know-how in support of the agricultural, food and energy transitions.

Jean-Philippe Puig, Avril CEO : « *We are pleased to welcome the employees in Verdun and to associate them with our commitment to building sustainable, resilient and locally rooted value chains. By strengthening our presence at the heart of production areas, we reaffirm our long-term commitment to Serving the Earth, in line with our founding mission to add value to French agricultural production.* »

About Avril

5th largest agri-food group in France, Avril is the industrial and financial leader in the French vegetable oil and protein sector. Created by the agricultural world, the Group develops innovative, healthy and sustainable solutions to feed people and animals, and accelerate the decarbonization of the planet. Its purpose, Serving the Earth, guides its actions, in line with its ambition to become by 2030 the leader in plant transformation, serving the agricultural, food and environmental transitions.

In addition to its historic role as an investor, the Group is now a manufacturer firmly rooted in plant processing, from seed to processed product. Active in human food, animal nutrition and expertise, renewable energies and green chemistry, it deploys a portfolio of activities that are all leaders in their markets.

Strengthened by this link with the French agriculture sector, Avril has based its growth for over 40 years on a unique value-creation model: it reinvests all its profits in the dynamics of the industry and its development in France and abroad.

Present in 18 countries with nearly 8,500 employees at 82 industrial sites and sales offices, Avril achieved sales of 7,7 billion euros in 2024. Learn more : avril.com | Twitter @Avril_Eng | LinkedIn Avril

About Saipol

Saipol is a European leader in oilseed processing (rapeseed, sunflower, and cover crops), developing high-value solutions based on edible vegetable oils, protein-rich meals, and low-carbon renewable energies. Saipol's brands and solutions are part of a regenerative economy: they contribute to the energy transition (OleoVE, Diester, Oleo100) and the food transition, while helping to finance agricultural transformation and promote the role of farming in carbon sequestration.

Saipol employs over 650 people in France and operates 5 industrial sites, 4 of which run on decarbonized energy.

As a subsidiary of Avril, the French industrial and financial leader in the vegetable oils and proteins sector, Saipol helps develop plant-based solutions serving the food, agricultural, and environmental transitions. Together, we act to Serve the Earth.

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