

## **The Fonds France Nucléaire, managed by Siparex, and Bpifrance invest in the Efectis Group to support its development**

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**The capital reorganisation of the Efectis group, which specialises in fire performance assessment, is being carried out by CTICM and Fonds France Nucléaire, together with Bpifrance; it will give the management team access to the capital and see the exit of the Dutch fund FDI.**

Created in 2006 by CTICM (Centre Technique des Industries de la Construction Métallique) and TNO, based in Saint Aubin (91) and chaired by Daniel Joyeux, Efectis is an independent group in the ICT (Test, Inspection, Certification) market specialising in fire and explosion risk assessment. Its offer covers a whole chain of services based around resistance and reaction to fire tests (construction products, roofing, facades, electrical cables), inspection and certification (CE and UKCA marking of construction products), and engineering and expertise services.

The Group's diversified customer base includes manufacturers of products and equipment, as well as operators and managers of plants and engineering structures. The Group has ISO 19443 certification, and is EDF's preferred service provider for fire testing and qualification of nuclear power plant equipment. The nuclear sector is a major growth driver, both for operators (CEA, Andra, in addition to EDF) and for equipment suppliers to the industry.

Efectis occupies a leading position in France in its specialist field of fire safety and fire sciences, and is actively expanding into the UK, the Netherlands and Türkiye in order to address the Middle East markets. Thanks to its cutting-edge operational resources and the expertise of its teams, Efectis is able to address ever more critical needs, and its business is growing steadily. The group currently employs 300 people and has a turnover of almost €40m.

As a result of this capital reorganisation and the withdrawal of the Dutch fund FDI, Fonds France Nucléaire and Bpifrance have become new shareholders alongside the management team, led by Chairman Daniel Joyeux and Managing Director Thomas Potel, alongside CTICM, which remains Efectis' reference shareholder.

This transaction, built around a French shareholder base, is designed to support Efectis as it continues to expand in France and internationally, capitalising on its positioning as a benchmark expert that will enable it to strengthen its business lines. The development plan is underpinned by a dynamic investment programme. In addition to organic growth, Efectis also aims to expand through targeted acquisitions in a sector that offers opportunities for consolidation.

**Daniel Joyeux, Chairman of Efectis, commented:** *"This is an extraordinary opportunity for the Executive Committee, which includes the general managers of Efectis subsidiaries. I would like to thank all the Efectis staff, who have been the strength of the Group for many years. With the Fonds France Nucléaire and Bpifrance working alongside us, our aim is to support the Group's development with the same dynamism that we have always shown.*

The Group's activities are focused on the following sectors: the construction industry, industry and the nuclear sector. Our aim is to provide them with an ever higher quality of service and optimum responsiveness, for improved fire safety.

**Benoit Desforges and Romain Boisson de Chazournes, Fonds France Nucléaire, commented:** « Nous sommes très heureux de la réalisation de cette opération, initiée en particulier avec l'équipe dirigeante d'Efectis qui investit au capital. Le groupe est un acteur de référence dans son domaine, toujours plus exigeant, et ses prestations sont clés pour ses clients, notamment dans les activités nucléaires. La réorganisation opérée permet d'aborder une nouvelle phase de développement importante, offrant à Efectis les moyens et marges de manœuvre nécessaires pour l'aborder. »

**According to Philippe Hostaléry, Managing Director of the Centre:** « déjà à l'origine de la création d'Efectis, le CTICM est fier de montrer la capacité des Centres Techniques Industriels à accompagner les entreprises dans leur développement. Nul doute, cette opération ouvre un nouveau chapitre prometteur dans l'histoire d'Efectis, consolide le savoir-faire en la matière et garantit, avec son actionnariat purement français, notre souveraineté. »

#### About the Fonds France Nucléaire

Subscribed in equal parts by EDF and the French State, and managed by Siparex, the Fonds France Nucléaire invests in SMEs and mid-caps in the nuclear sector, supporting them in their organic and/or external growth projects, as well as in capital development, transfer or capital restructuring operations.

The fund invests in majority or minority stakes, on a stand-alone or co-investment basis, and benefits from the expertise of key players in the nuclear industry.

The French government's contribution to the fund is part of the France Recovery Plan, under which it is earmarking €470 million for the nuclear industry in various areas, including the modernisation of industrial facilities, skills development and research and development.

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#### About CTICM

The CTICM (Centre Technique Industriel de la Construction Métallique) is a private French organisation created in 1962 by the French government at the request of the Syndicat Français de la Construction Métallique. It is financed by steel manufacturers and by commercial services (studies, certifications, etc.) and works to develop and promote steel construction through research, standardisation, certification and assistance to companies.

### About Bpifrance

Bpifrance's equity investments are made by Bpifrance Investissement. Bpifrance finances companies - at every stage of their development - through loans, guarantees and equity. Bpifrance supports them in their innovation and international projects. Bpifrance now also supports their export activities through a wide range of products. Advice, universities, networking and acceleration programmes for start-ups, SMEs and ETIs are also part of the services offered to entrepreneurs. Thanks to Bpifrance and its 50 regional offices, entrepreneurs have a single, close and effective contact to help them meet their challenges.

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- **Management :** Daniel Joyeux, Thomas Potel
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