

## Press release

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# Veolia and Waga Energy inaugurate a renewable natural gas production unit in Southeastern France

- Guillaume Dury, Veolia's Regional Director for Burgundy, Rhône-Alpes region, and Mathieu Lefebvre, Chief Executive Officer of Waga Energy, inaugurate this September 19, 2024, a renewable natural gas (RNG) production unit at the “Pôle de Stockage Énergie” in Chatuzange-le-Goubet (Southeastern France).
- Thierry Devimeux, Prefect of the Drôme Department, and Christian Gauthier, Mayor of Chatuzange-le-Goubet, are present.
- The site produces up to 25 GWh of RNG per year, a substitute for fossil-based natural gas.

(Chatuzange-le-Goubet, France, September 19, 2024) - Since the landfill site was operational, gas has been upgraded in the form of electricity by cogeneration engines. The WAGABOX<sup>®</sup> unit has been operational since April 11, 2024, and adds to the system to increase renewable energy production. Capable of processing 600m<sup>3</sup>/h (375 Scfm) of raw gas, it can produce up to 25 GWh (85,300 MMBtu) of RNG per year, supply around 3,500 homes, and prevent emissions of more than 4,000 tons of eqCO<sub>2</sub> per year into the atmosphere<sup>1</sup>.

Thanks to the WAGABOX<sup>®</sup> technology, developed and patented by Waga Energy, the gas spontaneously emitted by landfilled waste is upgraded into RNG, a substitute for fossil-based natural gas. This RNG is injected directly into the gas distribution network to supply homes and businesses.

The “Pôle Stockage Énergie” operated by Veolia at Chatuzange-le-Goubet can process 150,000 tons of waste per year. It now provides the local community with a new, local and green source of energy, contributing to the decarbonization and ecological transition.

**Guillaume Dury**, Veolia's Regional Director for Burgundy, Rhône-Alpes region, said: “With the commissioning of the WAGABOX<sup>®</sup> unit, the Pôle Stockage Énergie in Chatuzange-le-Goubet will generate even more green energy from waste through the production of renewable gas, in addition to electricity. This equipment is fully in line with Veolia's goal to offer concrete solutions that accelerate the ecological transformation of the territories, by reducing the use of fossil fuels, thereby reducing their carbon footprint.”

**Mathieu Lefebvre**, Chief Executive Officer of Waga Energy stated: “I am delighted to inaugurate this new WAGABOX<sup>®</sup> unit, the first in the Rhône-Alpes region, where our head office is located, and the fifth that we are commissioning jointly with Veolia. The project marks a new stage in a collaboration that began more than seven years ago, serving the development of the renewable natural gas sector and the ecological transformation.”

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<sup>1</sup>Estimate based on comparative emission factors for natural gas and renewable natural gas in France, as determined by French energy agency Ademe's carbon database, and factoring in direct and indirect emissions.

### **About Veolia**

Veolia's ambition is to become the benchmark company for ecological transformation. With nearly 218,000 employees on five continents, the Group designs and deploys useful, practical solutions for managing water, waste and energy that help to radically change the world. Through its three complementary activities, Veolia contributes to developing access to resources, preserving available resources and renewing them. In 2023, the Veolia group served 113 million people with drinking water and 103 million with wastewater services, produced 42 terawatt-hours of energy and recovered 63 million metric tons of waste. Veolia Environnement (Paris Euronext: VIE) generated consolidated sales of €45.3 billion in 2023.

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### **About Waga Energy**

Waga Energy (EPA: WAGA) produces competitively priced Renewable Natural Gas (RNG, also known as “biomethane”) by upgrading landfill gas using a patented purification technology called WAGABOX®. The RNG produced is injected directly into the gas distribution networks that supply individuals and businesses, providing a substitute for fossil natural gas. Waga Energy operates 27 RNG production units in France, Spain, Canada and the USA, representing an installed capacity of more than 1 TWh per year (3,412,960 MMBtu). Each project initiated by Waga Energy contributes to the fight against global warming and helps the energy transition.

Waga Energy employs 250 people. The Company is established in Philadelphia, PA, and Miami, FL. The 2023 consolidated revenue was €33.3m. It is listed on Euronext Paris (FR0012532810 – EPA : WAGA).

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