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**WINNER OF THE RECOVERY PLAN, SPHERE PAPER, A SUBSIDIARY OF THE SPHERE GROUP,
WILL INVEST 4.5 MILLION EUROS AND CREATE 24 JOBS.**

SPHERE PAPIER, a subsidiary of the SPHERE group, is the winner of the recovery plan created by the Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Recovery. It will benefit from a subsidy enabling it to invest €4.5 million in new ultra-efficient French-made machines in the Greater East and to create 24 jobs.

The SPHERE group is positioning itself on today's challenges: French production and distribution as close as possible to consumers of safer and eco-responsible household packaging.

Indeed, SPHERE has set itself the requirement to develop materials and products that have less impact on the environment, such as compostable bio-sourced bags that comply with European standards. Also, the Anti-waste law for a circular economy (AGEC - 10/02/2020) and the draft law on the fight against climate change resulting from the Citizens' Convention reinforce the economic model that the group has adopted.

"This grant will enable us to carry out our modernisation project by purchasing four new fully automated paper bag converting lines. We will be at full capacity next September to meet our customers' growing demand for eco-friendly products", says David SEAUME, Managing Director of SPHERE PAPIER.

About SPHERE PAPIER

SPHERE PAPIER is the industrial paper subsidiary of the French group SPHERE. The company has 2 factories in France specialising in the manufacture and distribution of paper bags, adhesive pouches, coated papers, industrial reels and carrier bags for food and non-food use.

SPHERE PAPIER has been developing products at the cutting edge of technology for more than 50 years. Anxious to integrate the challenges of the circular economy and the preservation of the planet, SPHERE PAPER is committed to a concrete strategy shared by the entire group:

- Innovate and develop new products from sustainable and renewable materials ;
- Integrate an ecodesign approach;
- Apply a responsible industrial policy.

SPHERE PAPIER had a turnover of 19 million euros in 2020 and employs more than a hundred people. With its new investment, the turnover in 2021 should increase to 32 million euros and in 2022 to 40 million euros.

About SPHERE

Founded in 1976, SPHERE is a French family-owned group, European leader in household packaging and one of the world's leading producers of compostable bio-based materials for films and bags.

SPHERE manufactures and distributes product ranges for consumer, professional and local authority markets:

- **BAGS:** waste bags, collection bags, fruit and vegetable bags, freezer bags, cooking bags, reusable bags and shopping bags, etc.
- **FILMS** and **PAPERS** for food contact,
- **ALUMINIUM BARQUETS** and **ROLLERS**,
- **DISPOSABLE** and **RETAIL SALES Dishes**

SPHERE's development strategy is to innovate for future generations with the following main objectives:

- **To use the right material for each product according to its end of life.**
- **Increasing the proportion of recycled materials in its products**
- **Favouring the production of compostable bio-sourced raw materials**
- **Eco-designing new biomaterials taking into account the end of life cycle**

With 15 production sites in Europe, 8 of which are located in France, and an annual production of 150,000 tonnes of films and bags, SPHERE has achieved a turnover of €640 million in 2020 and employs 1,460 people.

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