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Meridiam and Casino partners to create nationwide network of ultra-fast charging infrastructure hubs for electric vehicles in France

Meridiam and Casino signed today an agreement to create the largest network of ultrafast charging infrastructure hubs in France for electric vehicles. This agreement is a technological first of its kind in France.

Under this agreement, Meridiam through its 100% owned subsidiary Allego, the pan-European leader in electric mobility, will provide charging capacities to all types of electric vehicles (cars and buses) on 80 Casino sites by 2021. Meridiam, through Allego, will install and maintain these sites. The Group already operates 12,000 charging terminals in the Benelux and Germany with exceptional availability. This initiative is part of Meridiam's global strategy to develop, finance and manage sustainable and resilient infrastructure over the long term and around the world, in three key sectors: the mobility of people and goods, energy transition and social infrastructure.

GreenYellow will provide 100% green electricity for the charging stations. Specializing in energy services, energy efficiency solutions and photovoltaic production, GreenYellow enlarges its platform of technical solutions for electric mobility, while accelerating the energy transition even further.

Thanks to this partnership, the Casino group is pursuing its asset monetization strategy with a new activity that will generate additional rental income through the rental of available space.

Through this agreement, Meridiam and Casino Group contribute to :

- The strong acceleration of the development of recharging infrastructures for electric vehicles in France and in the United States
- Large scale roll-out of zero emission mobility in France

In September 2019, Toulouse will host the first site of this type in France and by the end of 2019, 12 Casino sites will offer this new service.

The charging stations will be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, accessible to everyone and will allow electric vehicles, slow charging (6 to 8 hours), fast charging (30 to 45 minutes) and even ultra fast charging (5 to 10 minutes) on the same site. These new-generation ultra-fast charging stations will allow an electric vehicle to travel 300 kilometres with a single charge of 5 to 10 minutes.

This initiative is part of a global European project developed by Allego and Meridiam and supported by the European Union, the Metropolitan Greater Areas Electrified (Mega-E) project. By 2021, the ambition is to deploy more than 300 such ultra-fast charging sites throughout Europe.

"This partnership with Groupe Casino is a concrete illustration of our commitment to the energy transition. By massively developing the essential charging infrastructures for electric vehicles, we are contributing to the deployment of clean mobility in France. This project is also part of Meridiam's more global ambition on a European scale to install by 2021, more than 300 ultra-fast charging sites across the continent." Thierry Déau, CEO of Meridiam

"This project with Meridiam is an opportunity for the Casino group to continue to enhance the value of its store space while providing energy with its subsidiary GreenYellow, for a fast-growing market of the future." Cyril Bourgois, Director of Strategy, Digital Transformation and Innovation at Casino Group

"This partnership is fully in line with our mission as an accelerator of energy transition. Innovation has always been at the heart of our development at GreenYellow. We are pleased to combine today our expertise as an energy supplier with that of Allego, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Meridiam, alongside Casino, in the service of tomorrow's uses and more sustainable and economical mobility." Otmame Hajji, President of GreenYellow

About Meridiam

Meridiam was founded in 2005 by Thierry Déau, with the belief that the alignment of interests between the public and private sector can provide critical solutions to the collective needs of communities. Meridiam is an independent investment firm specializing in the development, financing, and management of long-term and sustainable public infrastructure projects and assets in the mobility, energy transition and social infrastructure sectors. With offices in, Addis Ababa, Amman, Dakar, Istanbul, New York, Luxembourg, Paris, Toronto and Vienna, Meridiam currently manages 7 billion Euros of assets, and more than 70 projects and assets to date. Meridiam is certified ISO 9001: 2015, ISO 26000 Robust by VigeoEiris and operates on a proprietary methodology in relation to ESG and impact based on UNSDGs. www.meridiam.com

About Casino

The Casino Group is a key and renowned player in the French retail market and a leader in the global food retail market, with more than 12,000 stores worldwide (France, Latin America and the Indian Ocean) thanks to a workforce of more than 220,000 people driven by their passion for distribution and customer service and generated net sales of €36.6 billion in 2018. In France, the Group has successfully implemented its multi-format, multi-brand and multi-channel model by leveraging its extensive network of hypermarkets (Géant), supermarkets (Casino), urban supermarkets (Monoprix, Franprix, Leader Price), convenience stores (Casino Shop, Vival, Spar, Leader Price Express) and the French e-commerce leader Cdiscount. The Group is present in Latin America in particular: No. 1 in Brazil with GPA and Via Varejo and in Colombia with Grupo Éxito. In all the countries where it operates, Groupe Casino focuses on its development on the formats with the highest potential and its ability to adapt to meet the needs of its customers, today and tomorrow. www.groupe-casino.fr

About Green Yellow

Founded in 2007, GreenYellow is an energy transition accelerator for its customers, specializing in energy services, energy efficiency solutions and photovoltaic production. The company, a subsidiary of the Casino group, has more than 300 employees in France, Brazil, Colombia, Thailand, Africa and the Indian Ocean region. Thanks to its solutions, GreenYellow has reduced its customers' energy bills by 180 million euros in 10 years.

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