

Press Release

AKUO ENERGY AND EIFFEL INVESTMENT GROUP INTENSIFY THEIR PARTNERSHIP BASED ON THE AKUOCOOP PLATFORM

The Allianz Crowdlending fund, managed by Eiffel Investment Group, is financing an exemplary project for the environment with the AkuoCoop platform.

Paris, March 15, 2018: Eiffel Investment Group, which manages the Allianz Crowdlending fund, is participating in the financing of the Les Cèdres solar plant on Reunion Island, a showcase of the Akuo Energy group's island know-how.

Akuo Energy, leading French IPP in renewable energy, has decided to give all citizens an opportunity to benefit from the Les Cèdres solar plant's profitability by enabling them to take part in the project's refinancing through participating loans on its AkuoCoop platform. Since its creation, this platform has helped raise over a million euros in just 9 months, with an average amount of €957 per lender.

The Cèdres project incorporates three innovations that meet islands' energy and climate challenges: Aquanergie, Agrinerjie® and a storage system solution. As a development of Agrinerjie®, which creates positive synergy between farming and solar power production, Akuo Energy has invented Aquanergie, which marries solar energy production and fish farming. Les Cèdres is a pioneering project in the implementation of this technology.

The Allianz Crowdlending fund provides Akuo Energy with financing that will enable it, for every euro raised via AkuoCoop, to double the amount loaned to the project, up to a maximum of €500,000. This set-up aims to encourage citizen financing of the energy transition, through the support of the regions involved.

For this initiative, Eiffel Investment Group, the manager of this fund, will be able to rely on its dual expertise in financing the energy transition (Eiffel Investment Group notably manages the Eiffel Energy Transition fund) and in crowdfunding (Eiffel Investment Group is one of the main investors via European online lending platforms, and notably manages the *Prêtons Ensemble* ["lending together"] and Allianz Crowdlending funds).

Eric Scotto, co-chairman and co-founder of Akuo Energy, says: *"We are very proud of the fact that AkuoCoop is the second platform to be listed by the Allianz Crowdlending fund. This partnership validates our unique positioning as a local player by henceforth enabling citizens to share in the financial profitability of our projects. We would like to thank Eiffel Investment Group, which chose to support us from the outset, and the thousands of individual investors who have joined AkuoCoop".*

Fabrice Dumonteil, CEO of Eiffel Investment Group, adds: *"We are pleased to be able to add a new dimension to the partnership with Akuo Energy initiated when AkuoCoop was launched in 2017. The project presented by AkuoCoop on Reunion Island is in line with our commitment to the development of innovative renewable energies that respect the agricultural ecosystem".*

Characteristics of the funded project:

- 9 MWc
- 9 MWh storage capacity
- 5,200 households powered
- 11,376 tons of CO2 emission reductions

About Akuo Energy, Entrepreneur by Nature

Akuo Energy is the leading French independent renewable energy power producer. Akuo Energy is present across the whole value chain, including project development, financing, construction, and operation. As of end-2017, Akuo Energy had invested more than EUR 2.2 billion for a total capacity of 1.1 GW in operation, under construction or with financing underway and over 2 GW in projects being developed. With to date more than 340 staff, the Group, whose headquarters are in Paris, France, operates in 13 other countries around the world: the United States, Uruguay, Indonesia, Turkey, Poland, Croatia, Australia, Luxembourg, Mongolia, Dominican Republic, Mali, Bulgaria and Dubai. Akuo Energy aims to have a global production capacity of 3,500 MW in 2022.

For more information please visit: www.akuoenergy.com

About AkuoCoop: Investors by nature

AkuoCoop is Akuo Energy's proprietary crowdlending platform. AkuoCoop allows anyone to make an interest-bearing loan to help finance green power projects that benefit from the expertise of Akuo Energy's teams. The aim of AkuoCoop is to allow individual investors to give a purpose to their savings, offering attractive returns whilst ensuring the protection of their interests by offering projects of proven quality. AkuoCoop is registered as an SAS company and 'intermédiaire en financement participatif' with an ORIAS registration number of 16005779.

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About Eiffel Investment Group

Eiffel Investment Group is an asset manager specializing in business financing. It invests in corporate credit in Europe via public markets, private placements and digital lending platforms. With its Alto Invest subsidiary, an asset manager specializing in equity investments, the group now manages more than a billion euros and offers companies a broad range of financing solutions. The group, which has substantial shareholders' equity, has set up an institutional infrastructure and ensures a strong alignment of interests with institutional investors who are clients of its funds. Eiffel Investment Group is an independent company owned by its team alongside IMPALA.

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