

Press Release

SANSO INVESTMENT SOLUTIONS BECOMES A PARTNER OF THE AKUO FOUNDATION

Paris, December 20th 2017 - The Akuo Foundation and Sanso Investment Solutions, a key player in asset management that fully incorporates social responsibility criteria, today announces the signing of a financial and skill-based sponsorship agreement for projects developed and supported by the Foundation.

According to the terms of this agreement, Sanso Investment Solutions thus pledges to:

- donate a percentage of its annual management fees to the Akuo Foundation;
- allow its staff to devote, on a voluntary basis, up to 5 working days of their time to projects supported by the Foundation in France and around the world.

Eric Scotto, Founder of the Akuo Foundation, says: *"Sanso Investment Solutions was an investor in the green bonds issued by Akuo Energy from the very outset. Sanso Investment Solutions is teaming up with the Akuo Foundation via a financial and skill-based sponsorship. We would like to wholeheartedly welcome this remarkable new initiative: for us, the exemplary action undertaken by Sanso Investment Solutions' upper management embodies a wonderful example of the practical solution finance can provide in response to the future challenges associated with sustainable development. We are proud that Sanso Investment Solutions has chosen Akuo Energy and its foundation to convey its values, and we would like to thank all of the company's staff for the time they will devote to our projects."*

David Kalfon, CEO of Sanso Investment Solutions, adds: *"By analysing the first green bonds issued by Akuo Energy, it was clear that we were looking at much more than just an investment opportunity. We saw a corporate project, values and considerable respect for future generations. By providing long-term support for the Akuo Foundation, we are acting in a manner that is fully consistent with our values of sustainable development, responsibility and civic commitment."*

Sanso Investment Solutions' staff are proud to see their company pledge to work alongside a business that is committed to such issues and values, and they will be eager to actively participate in the various projects proposed by the Akuo Foundation."

Benoit Magnier, Managing Director of Sanso Investment Solutions, concludes *"our involvement alongside the Akuo Foundation is in line with the Socially Responsible Investment management we have undertaken for many years. This direct impact that we can have on the Akuo Foundation's accomplishments gives even more meaning to our business."*

About SANSO Investment Solutions:

Approved by the AMF in October 2011, Sanso Investment Solutions is, with more than 700 million euros of assets under management, an asset manager that specialises in Socially Responsible Investment. Sanso IS offers its private management clients, but also its institutional clients, innovative investment solutions that fully incorporate sustainable development issues via a range of UCITS, expertise in discretionary management and dedicated investment products.

For further information, please go to www.sanso-is.com (in French)

About Akuo Foundation :

The Akuo Foundation was created in 2011 by Akuo Energy Group. Its missions are ; Access to basic needs in developing countries such as access to energy, water, health, food and education. It also aims to protect the environment and its biodiversity through sustainable development raising awareness initiatives. Strong of the talents of all the collaborators of Akuo Energy Group, the foundation initiates and supports projects in France and worldwide.

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