

PRESS RELEASE

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The SOLER Group obtains SBP certification, assuring the sustainability of the biomass transformed as renewable carbon at its production sites.



The SOLER Group has been committed to sustainable and smart-forest management for many years and has already been certified by several labels. The Group has now taken action to validate its supply chain by obtaining the <u>Sustainable Biomass Program (SBP)</u> certification. SOLER can thus be assured that the wood used to produce renewable carbon at its production sites meets and exceeds the "Renewable Energy Directive" of the European Union (RED II).

With the ambition of being the first continent to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, Europe has put in place the RED II legislative framework to encourage the renewable energies production. These requirements demand a complete biomass traceability to ensure that the sustainability criteria are met, and that an approach to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy efficiency is put in place.

For over 10 years, the SOLER Group has been developing and operating a unique cutting-edge renewable carbon production technology, generating green energy – equivalent to the electricity consumption of 20,000 households. The Group's biomass supplies come from sustainably managed French forests around 60km from its production sites and are certified by labels such as "PEFC France", "Bois de France" and "Origine France Garantie". The industrial group has also guaranteed the sustainability of one of its products, the SOLER biochar, through the European Biochar Certificate (EBC).

The SBP certification obtained by the SOLER Group's production sites once again recognizes its commitment to traceable biomass from sustainably managed local forests, transformed in a responsible technological process while generating green energy. In this way, the SOLER Group aims to reconcile the challenge of decarbonizing industry while protecting and developing forest resources, both in France and internationally.

About SOLER Group:

Founded in 1993 in the Grand Est region of France, the SOLER Group is a leader in the production of renewable carbon, offering a unique, cutting-edge technological solution for achieving global climate neutrality. Thanks to its own patented technology, the Group's biorefineries transform wood residues - from sustainably managed forests located near its production sites - into charcoal, biocarbon, biochar and green energy. The SOLER Group is based in Gyé-sur-Seine (Aube, Grand Est) and Lacanau (Gironde, Nouvelle-Aquitaine) and employs over 180 people.

Find out more about the SOLER Group in its press kit here.

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