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Corsica Sole announces the start of construction of the Cirey-sur-Vezouze solar power plant (54)

Corsica Sole, an independent solar energy producer and European leader in energy storage, is proud to announce the start of construction of a new solar power plant in Cirey-sur-Vezouze, in the Meurthe-et-Moselle department. With 15 years of experience and a team of 120 employees, Corsica Sole continues to develop its fleet of power plants with ambitious projects located throughout France.

This new plant, equipped with 8,600 solar panels, will cover the equivalent of the electricity consumption of the municipality of Cirey-sur-Vezouze. This project (Corsica Sole's second in the Grand Est region) is a further illustration of our commitment to redeveloping abandoned industrial sites while contributing to the energy transition.

Corsica Sole launches construction of its new solar power plant

The two solar power plants, scheduled to come online this summer, will produce 21 GWh of green electricity each year, equivalent to the annual consumption of 12,000 people with heating.

This project will thus contribute to reducing CO₂ emissions, avoiding the emission of approximately 6,488 tons of CO₂ per year.

Corsica Sole continues to grow alongside committed partners

French solar energy producer and leader in energy storage in France, Corsica Sole announces the start of a project to build a solar power plant in Cirey-sur-Vezouze, covering 4.2 hectares with an installed capacity of 5.4 MWp, representing an annual production of 6 GWh. Thanks to the latest generation technology of its 8,600 photovoltaic panels, each with a capacity of 620Wp, Corsica Sole will cover the equivalent of the entire electricity consumption of the municipality of Cirey-sur-Vezouze, which has more than 2,000 inhabitants.

This second project in the Grand Est region demonstrates Corsica Sole's commitment to the energy transition of local areas. The work carried out by Corsica Sole on these projects since 2020 enables the region to pursue its objective of reducing fossil fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

“Thanks to this ambitious project, we are proud to contribute to the energy development of Cirey-sur-Vezouze. With the support of the public authorities, the Mayor, and the President of the Vezouze-en-Piémont Community of Municipalities, we have obtained a building permit for 2023 that will enable us to quickly set up a project that will benefit residents by redeveloping an industrial wasteland.

The solar power plant will also contribute to the preservation of fauna and flora in a peaceful environment that takes into account the specific characteristics of the site. In addition, the installation will preserve the ecological exclusion zones identified in advance as part of the environmental impact study. We are convinced that it is possible to combine energy transition with respect for the environment” says **Pierre Bréard, Photovoltaic Power Plant Project Manager at Corsica Sole.**

Residents will be kept informed of each stage of the work, which will begin in July 2024. The municipality of Cirey-sur-Vezouze and Corsica Sole have specified that the demolition of the industrial buildings on the site will take place from the end of August to the end of October.

A project focused on redeveloping brownfield sites

Brownfield sites are locations that were once used for industrial activities but are now unused. They are often the result of factory closures, relocations, or the cessation of certain operations (such as former mines or quarries). When left abandoned, they gradually deteriorate.

With this project, Corsica Sole aims to actively contribute to the rehabilitation of the former glassworks in Cirey-sur-Vezouze, transforming it into a source of renewable energy. With its recognized expertise in energy production and solar power plant construction, Corsica Sole will finance all the work, including the removal of asbestos from 3,000 square meters of roofing and the demolition of buildings. The rehabilitation of this brownfield site into a solar power plant will also contribute to the development of the municipality of Cirey-sur-Vezouze, breathing new life into its economy.

The solar panels installed in Cirey-sur-Vezouze will supply the town with electricity for the next 30 years. The project thus contributes to the region's “Grand Est région verte” (Greater East Green Region) initiative, which aims to combat global warming by reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 77% by 2050.

¹ The “Grand Est Green Region” initiative aims to reduce GHG emissions by 77% by 2050.

About CORSICA

SOLE CORSICA SOLE is an independent solar energy producer and a leader in energy storage in Europe. The rapidly growing company currently has more than 125 MWp of photovoltaic power plants and more than 160 MWh of energy storage facilities in operation. It is developing a portfolio of solar projects totaling more than 3 GW. Corsica Sole is also expanding into the field of renewable hydrogen production. A specialist in island areas since 2009, Corsica Sole develops, builds, finances, and operates its own projects in France and Europe. Corsica Sole deploys its expertise to provide, through renewable energies and technological innovation, a relevant response to the energy transition to combat climate change.

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