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Corsica Sole launches construction of its first solar power plant in Pithiviers, Loiret

Corsica Sole, a French solar energy producer and European leader in energy storage, is proud to announce the start of construction work on its new solar power plant in Pithiviers, Loiret (45).

This plant, which will produce 14 GWh of electricity per year, will enable the rehabilitation of a former industrial wasteland into a renewable and sustainable energy source for the inhabitants of the Loiret. Located on an 11-hectare site, it will consist of 19,000 photovoltaic panels with an installed capacity of 12MWp. Commissioning is scheduled for the second quarter of 2025.

As a recognized developer in France and Europe, Corsica Sole is consolidating its growth and its commitment to the energy transition of the regions.

A new solar power plant for the Loiret

This ambitious project aims to rehabilitate a former 11-hectare industrial site, once used for fertilizer production. Following initial investments by the former owner, TIMAC AGRO, a subsidiary of the ROULLIER Group, to make the site compatible with photovoltaic activities, the land is now ready for a new lease of life. Corsica Sole will transform this previously unusable site into a source of renewable and sustainable energy.

With an installed capacity of 12 MWp, this power plant will produce 14 GWh of electricity annually, equivalent to the electricity consumption of 6,000 inhabitants.

French expertise at the service of the environment

The 19,000 solar panels installed on this site use the latest and most efficient technologies available on the market. Mounted on longlines, i.e., raised concrete foundations, this technical solution makes it possible to build a solar power plant without having to anchor the foundations in the ground, thus preserving the integrity of the land. For this project, Corsica Sole is partnering with Sireos, a company specializing in the engineering, procurement, and construction of photovoltaic power plants. Thanks to the combined expertise of Corsica Sole and Sireos, this solar power plant will benefit from an optimized design and high-quality implementation, ensuring sustainable and reliable energy production.

A winning project in the PPE2 Neutral tender

Corsica Sole won the PPE 2 Neutral tender in December 2023, confirming the relevance of this project. The Pithiviers plant will contribute significantly to the local and national energy transition, while offering a sustainable solution for the rehabilitation of a former industrial site.

A collaboration with SICAP

The electricity produced will be distributed by SICAP, the Société coopérative d'Intérêt Collectif Agricole (Agricultural Collective Interest Cooperative) of the Pithiviers region, the local network operator, which plays a key role in electricity distribution by providing reliable and sustainable energy to its customers. This collaboration will strengthen the integration of renewable energies into the local network.

Respectful integration into the landscape

In addition to its energy contribution, the project includes strict environmental measures to preserve the local ecosystem. A landscape hedge will be planted around the site to minimize visual impact and promote biodiversity. To ensure environmental safety, Corsica Sole plans to establish an exclusion zone for burial.

Start of construction and commissioning

Construction work has begun, with commissioning scheduled for the second quarter of 2025. *"We are proud to be transforming this industrial wasteland into a modern solar power plant that will meet the region's energy needs while respecting the environment. This project illustrates our ongoing commitment to the energy transition and our desire to provide sustainable solutions for local communities,"* says **Prescilla SOSSOUHOUNTO**, **Photovoltaic Project Manager at Corsica Sole.**

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About CORSICA

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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