



Press Release
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Opening of MINATEC Building Competence Center

The Competence Center MINATEC was inaugurated this Wednesday, October 7, 2015. Located inside the CEA in Grenoble, it hosts teams from Leti, CEA Tech Institute and researchers from CNRS and Université Joseph Fourier working in the LTM. Built by GSE promoter, driven by an incorporated real estate company Malherbe-Claudel, a 100% subsidiary of Crédit Agricole Sud Rhône Alpes, and La Caisse des Dépôts, it symbolizes the involvement of local actors in development the territory.

The Competence Center MINATEC welcomes 10,000 m² teams Leti, CEA Tech Institute and researchers from LTM, joint laboratory of the CNRS and Joseph Fourier University. Built in southern limit of CEA Grenoble, it is the result of cooperation of local actors working for the economic development of the territory. This building is in fact supported by the SCI BCC Peninsula, 50.1% owned by Foncière Malherbe-Claudel, a 100% subsidiary of Crédit Agricole Sud Rhône Alpes, and 49.9% by Caisse des Dépôts.

Foncière Malherbe-Claudel, real estate investment company, embodies the commitments of Crédit Agricole Sud Rhône Alpes, cooperative bank heavily involved alongside economic actors in Isère, Drôme, Ardèche and the South-east of Lyon. Indeed, Foncière Claudel-Malherbe has main objectives:

- Diversification of the investment capital surpluses;
- Supporting the development of the territory;
- Support for projects of its clients;
- Development financing by strengthening links with regional real estate operators.
- To date, the Claudel-Malherbe Foncière committed € 78.4 million and aims to invest € 110 million up to 2018. It operates in three major areas:
- Tertiary (Les Reflets du Vercors to Bouchayer-Viallet in Grenoble, held jointly with the Deposit and mostly rented to Atos Origin);
- Housing (15 units on the Liberation Avenue in Grenoble, a Provencal farmhouse with eight units in Montelimar - Drôme; co-investment in a 12-unit program La Verpillière - Isère);
- Health (three co-investment transactions with La Caisse des Dépôts: the Functional Rehabilitation Centre Bourgoin-Jallieu - Isère, a retirement home with 60 beds in Donzère - Drôme and one of 80 beds in Chasse-sur-Rhône - Isère).

The inauguration of the Center Building Skills underscores the commitment of Credit Agricole Sud Rhone Alpes accompany closer the Grenoble triptych companies, research and universities. MINATEC is already demonstrating the success of this model combining training actors (UJF, INPG ...), actors of research (CNRS, CEA ...) and the industrial companies of the valley. It also marks the arrival of Crédit Agricole Sud Rhône Alpes on the peninsula, a few months before the launch of the work of its new headquarters which will be located at the foot of Oxford bridge.

Public institution serving the general interest and the development of territories, Caisse des Dépôts acts as long-term investor in real estate transactions. Its action is consistent with the will and the economic development strategy of local authorities. It brings its expertise to secure the economy of the project, assist in legal and financial arrangements, mobilizes partners and long-term investment. The Grenoble ecosystem is considered as a major hub and has an attractive international dimension, based on research and innovation. La Caisse des Dépôts has many projects contributing to this ecosystem. It is in particular:

- Shareholder of the Company SEM Minatec alongside local authorities and the Commission for Atomic Energy and Alternative Energies (CEA) for the realization of High-Tech Buildings on the peninsula, the heart of the MINATEC campus;
- Investor for the company building Corys, also on the peninsula;
- Investor for the transformation of an industrial hall in the business center for hosting companies being created on the ZAC-Bouchayer Viallet;
- Investor for the headquarters of Atos Origin, the Reflets du Vercors, also on the ZAC-Bouchayer Viallet;
- Development of synergies with its network of real estate agencies Square Habitat.
- In this perspective, the BCC hosting research teams from CEA, National Scientific Research Center and the Joseph Fourier University Centre is an iconic operation to the Caisse des Dépôts.

The project was entrusted to GSE which with the architectural firm Amplitude, won the contest. For this project, the GSE teams mobilized so that it meets fully with the requirements of quality, comfort and energy performance of the project. This building with High Environmental Quality has superior performance to the RT 2012. GSE has achieved an intelligent building, communicative and able to optimize its energy consumption and interact with the energy supplier.

New building confirms the dynamic expansion of the MINATEC innovation campus (campus dedicated to the unique micro-nanotechnologies in Europe), the BCC specifically addresses a need related to the growth of the Leti micro and nanoelectronics teams, internationally recognized. It offers as well a high quality working environment up to the standards of large international campus (offices and landscaped outdoor complex). The design of the BCC, smart grid-compatible, is consistent with the research themes of CEA Tech on new information and communication technology and new energy technologies.

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About Credit Agricole Sud Rhone Alpes:

The regional bank Crédit Agricole Sud Rhône Alpes is the leader in proximity banking in Ardèche, Drôme, Isère and the South East of Lyon with an average 25% market share. First bank in its territory, in 2014 it posted a consolidated net banking income of € 427.9 million for a consolidated net income of € 125.1 million, with an outstanding portfolio of € 12.3 billion and an outstanding collection € 17.6 billion.

Commercial bank with a cooperative status, it supports its customers by enabling the economic development of its territory. With its cooperative and mutual foundations, its 1995 employees and 990 directors, the Credit Agricole Sud Rhone Alpes works for 726,000 service customers, individuals, professionals, businesses, farmers, whose 290,000 members. The company has a dual activity of insurance and full-service bank. It has a full range of products and services. Contemporary company, the Crédit Agricole Sud Rhône Alpes in 2015 continues its role as the first funder of its territory and its investment policy to develop its multi-channel bank and its network of 202 branches and outlets nearby.

About Caisse des Dépôts:

La Caisse des Dépôts and its subsidiaries constitute a public group, long-term investor serving the public interest and economic development of the territories. Its mission has been reaffirmed by the law modernizing the economy of 4 August 2008.

Recognized for its expertise in the mandates management, the Group is focusing on four strategic transitions to the long term development of France's territorial transitions, ecological and energy, digital and demographic.

About GSE:

GSE is the reference of the General Contractor business based on the complete support of construction projects (financial arrangements, land identification, technical studies, design / construction and after-sale) and offers contractual commitment on price, time and quality of the work. GSE currently has 360 employees located in France, Europe and China. In 2014, the GSE group achieved a turnover of around 360 million euros. GSE is a major player in the economic development of the Grenoble region with a presence of over 35 years and several million m² built.

About CEA Tech:

CEA Tech, the technology research activity of CEA, brings together 4,500 engineers and researchers who are dedicated to innovation for the industry. With three thematic institutes - Leti, Liten List - it develops and distributes génériques*key technologies for all types of companies and all types of industries providing effective bridge between basic research and applications. With 600 patents filed per year, CEA Tech contributes to the upgrading of French products and provides increased competitiveness for its industrial partners through performance and product differentiation. It works with about fifty large groups, 500 SMEs / ETI and 145 international clients. CEA Tech has established with its partners over 20 000 jobs in the Grenoble ecosystem, and since 2013, the mission spreads across the country through its "regional platforms for technology transfer." It is implanted in five additional regions, Midi-Pyrenees (Toulouse), Aquitaine (Bordeaux), Pays de La Loire (Nantes), Lorraine (Metz), Nord - Pas-de-Calais and strengthens its activities in the PACA region.

* Biotechnology, micro and nano electronics, nanotechnology, photonics, advanced materials, advanced production systems