



## PRESS RELEASE

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Châteaurenard, near Avignon

### FOUNDATION STONE LAID: GSE AND AX'EAU BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HEAD OFFICE

On 7 June, in Châteaurenard (outside Avignon), AX'EAU laid the foundation stone of its new head office, in the presence of the town's mayor Marcel Martel and of Michel Pecout, Vice-President of the Terres de Provence *communauté d'agglomération* (inter-municipal authority). The project's general contractor is GSE Régions PACA, GSE's local office for the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region.



#### A new, 1,600 m<sup>2</sup> facility for AX'EAU

Created in 2004 in Châteaurenard, AX'EAU is now the French leader in non-destructive water leak detection and in operational assistance to owners and managers of water & waste water networks. AX'EAU works for all stakeholders in real estate: residential customers, public or private building managers, insurance companies, industrial facilities, swimming pool specialists, leisure centre and campsite operators, etc.

GSE Régions PACA and architecture studio Flox designed the building and GSE is preparing to initiate construction for a handover scheduled in mid-February 2019. GSE worked with this ground-breaking medium-sized business to design a facility that perfectly suits its image and needs.

## A training campus

The buildings will also house the AX'EAU Campus training centre for water leak detection professionals. Its specificity lies in the non-destructive methods it teaches to precisely locate the origin of leaks or infiltrations and to enable repairs at the lowest cost. Through this work, AX'EAU helps preserve water resources.

## ABOUT GSE

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GSE is a major player in commercial property and the leader in the "turnkey" market. GSE oversees all design, construction and/or renovation work with a promise on price, deadlines and quality.

The company is managed by CEO Roland Paul. It employs 367 people and generated revenues of €429 million in 2017, carrying out a total of 70 projects.

A division dedicated to agribusiness accompanies the industrial companies on their management of flows, logistics, storage, process and cold equipment. GSE has a very high expertise / know how of high-bay storage with the implementation of automated stacker cranes.

GSE RÉGIONS, a member of the GSE group (formerly CCR), is the leading French national network of design & build turnkey contractor. Its 12 branches located throughout France build real estate projects for industrial, tertiary, logistics and commercial SMEs.

GSE is established in Europe and China.

## ABOUT AX'EAU

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With more than 70 employees in 21 branches, Ax'eau is the French leader in non-destructive leak detection and network diagnostics.

In 2017, Ax'eau carried out more than 6,000 operations, on behalf of individuals, insurance companies, experts, network managers, etc.

By choosing not to enter the repairs market, Ax'eau guarantees its independence and objectivity, regardless of the nature and origin of the malfunctions to be identified.

Ax'eau's 55 teams in the field have been trained at the Ax'eau Campus. They all follow the same detailed protocols for each type of operation. These processes are based on the doubt removal method: even if we detect a leak at the beginning of the operation, we check everything to make sure the installation as a whole is sound and running correctly.

Ax'eau's technology and know-how ensure 100% destruction-free diagnostics.

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