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Dear Customers, Dear Readers,

This newsletter has been created to keep you informed, every month, of the company's developments and the progress of the modernisation work at the Inertam site.

Cleaning the confined area

The teams are now cleaning and tidying up the load preparation area. All production, maintenance and QSE department staff are concerned by this extensive work. This intervention in a confined area is an essential step in the process of modifying and reconfiguring equipment. This is a great step forward in the execution of the work to optimise the area.



The restart is on the horizon

At the end of the cleaning operations, the modification work on the equipment in the load preparation area will be started. This work will mainly concern the replacement of conveyors and waste storage facilities. They will improve the material's containment and increase the plant's availability rate. After an initial phase of studies to define the needs, a delegation from the Technical Department went, in early October, to the Le Mans Bulk Show to carry out an initial selection of technologies and suppliers. Today, the specifications have been drawn up and consultations are under way.

At the same time, a project is being carried out to reduce the installation's NOx emissions. In this context, detailed studies have been carried out and tests are planned at the test centre to validate the identified processes.

These operations, which are complementary to the furnace refurbishment work, should enable production to resume before the end of the first half of 2020, with the aim of reducing the existing stock of asbestos, initially, and then receiving new waste subsequently.



Strengthening of management

The operational department was strengthened with the appointment of Thierry Prévost as Group Technical Director on 1 November. An engineer trained in Chemical Engineering and Nuclear Sciences and Technologies (Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers), Thierry Prévost has spent 28 years in the Orano Group (formerly Areva). An internationally recognised expert in the field of effluent treatment and waste conditioning, he has managed several depollution projects, notably at the Fukushima site in Japan.



Thierry Prévost
Chief Technical Director

Refurbishment of the vitrification furnace

In recent weeks, work has begun to dismantle the furnace for its repair. The refurbishment of the furnace consists of changing the refractory materials of the walls of the furnace and the crown, as well as the materials of the connecting flues between the furnace and the post-combustion and the cooler. This work requires the use of specific lifting equipment given the weight of the equipment.

After dismantling the furnace, the boilermaking and smelting work began.

This complete rebuild of the furnace is an opportunity to make design changes to certain parameters to optimise production performance..



Evacuation of COFALIT

Further consultations for the evacuation of COFALIT are under way in order to free up a storage area on the site before the end of this year.

In particular, a call for tenders for the construction of roads for a housing estate in the municipality of Morcenx-la-Nouvelle was launched in October, specifying the use of COFALIT as backfill for road sub layers. Several hundred tonnes of COFALIT will be used in this project alone.

The site's day-to-day

On 13 September, the teams met in Morcenx to celebrate the resumption of the Group's activity. This festive event was an opportunity to present the first internal reorganisation measures to employees and to discuss the Group's various projects and prospects.

