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PRESS RELEASE

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**AS A PLAYER IN THE ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION, THE SPHERE GROUP WILL PRESENT AT THE TRADEFAIR INTERCLEAN AT AMSTERDAM ITS INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR FOOD PRESERVATION AND WASTE COLLECTION.**

### **BOOTH N° 12.705 - HALL 12**

*Cleanliness, hygiene and cleaning have been the priorities of the SPHERE Group for over twenty years, supported by a policy of innovation with the least environmental impact, enabling it to respond as effectively as possible to the expectations of professionals.*

*INTERCLEAN Amsterdam returns to the Dutch capital for its new edition of the world's leading exhibition dedicated to cleaning and hygiene. An opportunity for SPHERE PROFESSIONAL to present its support system and its specific product ranges for waste management for professionals: ordinary waste, street bins, sorting of bio-waste, infectious waste, laundry bags, protective covers, food packaging...*

**The SPHERE group, Europe's leading manufacturer of waste collection bags that promote the act of sorting**

SPHERE PROFESSIONAL, the professional division of the SPHERE group, provides its customers with the know-how of the group's 15 factories in the manufacture of waste and collection bags, mainly made from recycled or compostable biosourced materials, for specific ranges that meet the diverse needs of professionals.

Historically, SPHERE is anchored throughout the territory and allows it to provide its customers with local manufacturing that favours short circuits, ensuring traceability and product quality. This industrial know-how fully participates in the safeguarding of the local economy and is part of the dynamics of the circular economy.

**SPHERE PROFESSIONAL will preview a new range of drawstring bags**

Maintaining hygiene is one of the priorities of SPHERE PROFESSIONAL customers. The new drawstring bag reduces the risk of leakage thanks to the absence of a bottom seam, allows optimal filling and provides comfort and hygiene for users.

**SPHERE PROFESSIONAL supports, trains and advises professionals in the health sector, cleaning companies, local authorities, industry and cafés hotels restaurants**

SPHERE PROFESSIONAL offers optimised solutions for each profession and stands out for its ability to define very precisely the needs of the professional sectors and its users by designing the most suitable bag for its use (thickness, material, resistance) and its end of life (recyclability, energy recovery, treatment of bio-waste by composting/methanisation).

SPHERE PROFESSIONAL is also differentiated by two assets: logistics and flexibility, which allow it to adapt to the customised demands of professionals. This approach is reflected in the ability to find innovative solutions to the problems of various professional sectors. Faced with the uncertainties and consequences of the ukrainian crisis, the group benefits from a high availability of products with nearly 10,000 pallets in stock.

## **SPHERE PROFESSIONAL, forerunner in the supply of biosourced and compostable bags for the local authority markets and catering sector.**

For this market, SPHERE PROFESSIONAL offers compostable bio-sourced bags from Origine France Garantie (OFG), made from renewable plant materials (potato starch) which comply with both the French standard for domestic composting (NF T51-800) and the French and European standard for industrial composting (NF EN 13432).

SPHERE PROFESSIONAL meets the 2016 regulation : Grenelle II law which imposes that from 10 tons of biowaste thrown away per year, a collection of biowaste is compulsory with a sorting at the source and a recovery of organic waste in the form of composting or methanization. SPHERE PROFESSIONAL meets the needs of the catering market by offering protective bags and covers for wheeled bins.

On January 1<sup>st</sup> 2024, local authorities will have to provide source separation solutions for bio-waste to all their citizens. SPHERE PROFESSIONAL offers to support local authorities with its range of bags for biowaste which are perfectly adapted to the collection at the point of voluntary contribution, door-to-door or at the foot of the building.

Some countries are ahead of the game in this respect, such as Italy, which, since 1 January 2022, has been collecting organic waste separately, as well as compostable biodegradable packaging certified to NF EN 13432. In France, it is estimated that approximately 30% of the population has access to a source separation system and only 6% through separate door-to-door or voluntary collection\*\*. <https://bit.ly/3tffRQ0>.

## **SPHERE PROFESSIONAL meets the needs of the catering sector within the framework of the HACCP method (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point)**

SPHERE PROFESSIONAL offers a complete range of food contact packaging: freezer bags, transparent multi-purpose bags in rolls, cooking paper, food films and aluminium in dispensers. All these products are HACCP-compliant and guarantee hygiene and food safety in the kitchen.

### **About SPHERE**

Founded in 1976, SPHERE is a French family-owned group, the European leader in household packaging, specialising in professional food and non-food packaging. and one of the world's leading producers of plant-based, compostable materials for films and bags.

With 15 production sites in Europe, seven of which are in France, SPHERE recorded turnover in 2021 of €714 million and employs 1500 people.

### **About SPHERE PROFESSIONAL**

SPHERE PROFESSIONAL is the French leader in the professional waste bag market dedicated to the professional sectors (local authorities, catering, cleaning companies, businesses and services) with 3 types of ranges :

- Biosourced compostable bags (potato starch)
- Recycled material bags
- Co-extruded premium bags

SPHERE PROFESSIONAL, has been a partner to its customers for many years :

- Continuously brings innovations to its products,
- Offers customised solutions adapted to their specific requirements,
- Designs highly technical solutions that integrate strong regulatory constraints,
- Works in partnership to accompany them on new markets.

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