

## HEXANA SECURES NEW STRATEGIC FINANCING WITH GROUPE M INVESTMENT

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*Today marks a new milestone in HEXANA's development, with Groupe M acquiring a €2 million stake in the company. This transaction aligns with the company's ongoing strategic and industrial development. At the beginning of the year, HEXANA had already secured a total of €25 million, including €15 million in equity and a €10 million grant from Bpifrance.*

This new capital increase brings the project's total financing to €27 million, thereby reinforcing its reliability and financial strength.

Groupe M, through its subsidiary MONTEIRO, a recognized industrial leader in piping and boilers manufacturing, was already collaborating closely with HEXANA as a technical partner and supplier. Groupe M's investment in HEXANA confirms the strength of this industrial relationship and the alignment of the two entities' long-term visions.

This agreement demonstrates HEXANA's commitment to developing a project based on industrial partnerships within the existing ecosystem. It also demonstrates the company's ability to develop a self-sufficient, structured, and sustainable business model able to flourish primarily through private investment.

*"Groupe M's entry into our capital is much more than a sign of confidence: it reflects a shared commitment to building an industrial strategy with the support of top-tier, credible, and dedicated partners. HEXANA has chosen an industrial development model based on close cooperation with recognized and experienced players in the nuclear sector. This approach aims to achieve the highest level of standardization in our manufacturing processes, which is a key requirement for the competitiveness of our SMR solution. By working hand in hand with leading industrial groups such as Groupe M, HEXANA has, from the current conceptual design phase, fully integrated industrialization into its design activities. This industrial expertise allows us to anticipate and optimize the challenges of manufacturing and modular assembly of major components, with a clear focus on controlling both costs and schedules. Groupe M's international experience is also a major asset in supporting our export development and in establishing the local supply chains our clients expect. I would like to sincerely thank Julien Monteiro for his commitment and for sharing our vision of a French nuclear industry that draws its strength from collective effort."*

— **Sylvain NIZOU, CEO and co-Founder of HEXANA**

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*"Supporting HEXANA is more than just a financial investment; it's a commitment to innovative, low-carbon, and competitive nuclear energy. From the beginning, we have been impressed by Sylvain Nizou's industrial vision and that of his teams. This investment is a natural extension of our technical partnership. It reflects our determination to build the foundations of a forward-looking French nuclear industry alongside bold and credible players. At Groupe M, we believe in an industry that combines excellence, sovereignty, and accountability."*

— **Julien MONTEIRO, CEO of Groupe M**

### About HEXANA

HEXANA, an industrial start-up spin-off from the French Atomic Energy and Alternative Energies Commission (CEA), is developing an innovative energy platform that combines sodium-cooled fast neutron reactors (SFR) with a thermal storage system. SFR is a proven technology with more than 400 years of cumulative experience worldwide, of which 120 years in Europe (from construction to decommissioning). HEXANA's solution delivers decarbonized, flexible, competitive, and sovereign energy tailored to industrial needs. Positioned as a credible alternative to fossil fuels, HEXANA leverages the legacy of the Phénix, Superphénix, and ASTRID projects, integrating unique expertise and decades of experience (more than 70 years of R&D and operation) to transform nuclear energy into a pivotal asset for the energy and climate transition.

Awarded with a France 2030 grant, HEXANA operates from offices in Aix-en-Provence, Paris, and Brussels. The company is a member of GIFEN, the European SMR Industrial Alliance, NuclearEurope, COGEN, the Capénergies and Nuclear Valley clusters, France DeepTech, Forces Françaises de l'Industrie, La French Tech Aix-Marseille, SNETP and Provence Fabrique des Possibles.

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### About Groupe M

Founded in 1999, Groupe M is a French family-owned group renowned for its expertise in piping, boiler-making, mechanics, engineering and control. Its core business is high-tech welding, a strategic know-how that forms the basis of its industrial excellence.

Through its subsidiaries, Groupe M offers integrated solutions from design to installation, including the manufacture of complex equipment and on-site maintenance. With its 1,900-strong workforce, the Group supports major clients in the low-carbon energy, defense, research and process industries.

Firmly focused on innovation, Groupe M is positioned as a benchmark industrial player in the energy transition.

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