



VERALLIA FRANCE ANNOUNCES PLANS TO INVEST MORE THAN €65 MILLION BY 2025 AT CHALON SUR SAONE TO MODERNIZE THE GROUP'S LARGEST PLANT

- €60 million, planned as part of the Growth and Competitiveness Pact (GCP) approved last June by the Group's employees, will be used to equip the site with three new state-of-the-art furnaces to replace the three current ones
- In addition to the investments planned in the GCP, more than €5 million will be invested as of 2022 to increase the site's production capacity, improve its industrial performance, and reduce our environmental footprint and that of our customers.

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€60 million of the €65 million investment project is conditional on achieving the industrial performance objectives set out in the GCP. It will be used to rebuild the site's three furnaces, which will be equipped with the latest glass melting technologies and improve working conditions for employees while enhancing their safety.

The additional €5 million will be used this year to increase the site's production capacity and make it more competitive and responsive to new market growth opportunities. This investment will also reinforce the program to lighten the weight of certain bottles, in response to growing demand from customers who want to reduce their environmental footprint. This concern is fully in line with Verallia France's intention to fulfil the ambitious environmental commitments made at the Group level¹.

The Chalon sur Saône plant is the largest of the Group's 32 plants, both in size and production capacity. It can produce 1 billion bottles per year.

These new investments are part of a strategy to modernize the Group's production capabilities with a view to long-term growth, particularly in France, the historical birthplace of Verallia. They follow the announcement at the end of 2021 of the project to build two new 100% electric furnaces at the Cognac site, already an illustration of Verallia France's desire to ensure the sustainability of its sites and to innovate so that its customers and employees can benefit from state-of-the-art technology.

"The industrial development of our plants is at the heart of our strategy. This €65 million investment project is perfectly in line with the Group's industrial modernization strategy and demonstrates our determination to meet our commitments under the Growth and Competitiveness Pact signed last May. Our ambition is to make the Chalon plant a competitive, flexible and reliable facility to best serve our customers in flint and dead leaf colored glass,

¹ The Group targets a 46% reduction in its CO₂ emissions (scopes 1 and 2) by 2030 to limit global warming to 1.5°C and reach carbon neutrality by 2050.



characteristic of Burgundy wine bottles, while ensuring safety and better working conditions for our employees," said Olivier Rousseau, President of Verallia France.

About Verallia Chalon – Located in Chalon since 1913, Verallia currently employs more than 500 people on its site which specializes in the production of flint bottles and jars for the spirits, still wine, soft drinks and food markets. It also produces the characteristic "dead leaf" color of Burgundy wine bottles. In addition to its production capacity, the site houses the Verallia France glass training center and the Verallia Group's French and global technical centers. Each year, about 400 employees come to take 10,000 hours of training to master the various technologies of the glassmaking process. Within the Group's global technical center, 150 glass experts work on cross-functional projects such as furnace rebuilds/repairs, CO2 emission reduction projects and future furnace technologies

About Verallia – At Verallia, our purpose is to re-imagine glass for a sustainable future. We want to redefine how glass is produced, reused and recycled, to make it the world's most sustainable packaging material. We work in common cause with our customers, suppliers and other partners across the value chain to develop new healthy and sustainable solutions for all. With around 10,000 people and 32 glass production facilities in 11 countries, we are the leading European and the third largest producer globally of glass containers for food and beverages, providing innovative, customized and environmentally friendly solutions to more than 10,000 businesses around the world. Verallia produced more than 16 billion bottles and jars and achieved revenues of €2.5 billion in 2020. Verallia is listed on compartment A of the Euronext Paris stock exchange (Ticker: VRLA – ISIN: FR0013447729) and belongs to the SBF 120, CAC Mid 60, CAC Mid & Small et CAC All-Tradable indexes.

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