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With its new head office, Limagrain affirms its regional commitment

On Friday, June 13, 2014, Jean-Yves Foucault, Limagrain Chairman, inaugurated the Group's new head office located at Saint-Beauzire (Puy-de-Dôme). This ceremony, held in the presence of members of the Board of Directors, the Limagrain Executive Committee, the Prefect of the Auvergne Region, European, national and local elected officials, representatives from the agricultural, industrial and scientific communities and civil society, was an opportunity to recall the Group's regional commitment.

With the construction of its decision-making center in Auvergne, the international group has confirmed, once again, **its connection to its original region** and demonstrated its **involvement in the regional economy**. Since 2009, Limagrain has invested close to 100 million Euros in Auvergne, of which **20 million Euros was for its head office in Saint-Beauzire**. The Group employs 1,450 persons in the region.

The choice of the Clermont-Limagne Biopôle is also very significant. Since its creation in 1995, Limagrain has supported the development of this science and technology park. The establishment of the head office has enabled the Biopôle to take a further step and offer more services to the companies present, such as an Inter-Company Restaurant and a daycare.

The new Limagrain head office houses the decision-making centers of the Group's Holding, the Co-operative, and Limagrain Europe. Today, almost **400 persons** work at the site. This new location meets two desires: to replace the Chappes site that had become too small and to create physical proximity between units with complementary activities and involved with field crops chains.

Limagrain's regional involvement is reflected in the companies involved in the project. For the design, construction and layout, the Group relied on regional companies.

*As an international co-operative Group, established and managed by French farmers, Limagrain strives to improve agriculture in order to face food-related challenges. As a creator and grower of plant varieties, the Group markets **field seeds, vegetable seeds and cereal products**. Limagrain is the fourth largest seed company in the world thanks to its **Vilmorin & Cie** holding, the European leader for functional flours through **Limagrain Cereal Ingredients**, and the largest French industrial producer of bakery products with **Jacquet Brossard**.*

The Group has sales of close to 2 billion Euros and has more than 8,600 employees in 41 countries, with more than 1,750 employees in research. As for the Co-operative, it has more than 2,000 farmer members working under contract.

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