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The VALGO Group is saddened to announce the loss of its Chairman and Founder, François BOUCHÉ

Paris, January 23, 2024 – **VALGO, a company dedicated to revitalizing polluted sites and soils and building remediation, is deeply saddened to announce the death of its Chairman and Founder, François BOUCHE, who died on Monday 22 January 2024 at the age of 54 years.**

Serial entrepreneur, founder of the VALGO group in 2004 and business angel, François Bouché was a leading figure in the French economic market, and more particularly in the remediation and real estate redevelopment of polluted sites in France and around the world.

Passionate about sustainable development, biodiversity, respect for human beings and innovation to protect people and nature, François Bouché has been a lifelong defender of the sustainable economy in the name of environmental protection and long-term economic development. It was in 2001, after acting as an engineer following the industrial accident at the AZF factory in the French city of Toulouse, that he set up his 1st company specializing in the decontamination of sites, buildings, and contaminated soil. Today, VALGO, which employs 800 people, is present throughout the French territory with 14 regional agencies and operates worldwide through its 6 subsidiaries in Europe, Canada, and Brazil.

François Bouché, who created the heart of VALGO and its mission of Doctor of the Planet, has always been a man of action and a federator. His deep knowledge and expertise are at the genesis of a unique methodology - the **VALGORisation** - an integrated and certified service engineering process that integrates all the activities in the remediation chain, while ensuring financial profitability of the end-to-end solution chosen.

A man of convictions, passion, ambition and drive, he has given everything to VALGO, its teams, its customers and its partners.

François Bouché has also supported many innovations as an incubator, creating an environment that encourages the growth of young start-ups, helping them to overcome initial obstacles and fostering their long-term success by dedicating resources to research and development, where innovation is a key element of success.

François BOUCHÉ was a source of inspiration to all his colleagues. His heritage remains and will remain a guide for VALGO, as we remember the qualities of courage, fairness, audacity, commitment, and strength that he taught us.

"François Bouché fully personified the values and vision of the VALGO Group. His passion and commitment to developing innovative solutions to help the Earth regain its value as a testament to his concern for people"
comments the VALGO Group Executive Committee. *"This is a deep loss for us, but we will continue to work for the development of VALGO and our mission as Doctor of the Planet, of which he was so proud. The roadmap was defined under his presidency. With the support of our partners, our collaborators, and our clients, we will continue to implement it to ensure the continuity of our mission. In this time of loss, all our thoughts are with his family and loved ones to offer them our support at this very sad time."*

About VALGO Group: www.valgo.com/

Headquartered in France, VALGO is an international company that has been operating in the environmental sector since 2004. With fourteen local agencies (fourteen in mainland France, one on Reunion Island and one in the Caribbean), its mission is to care for the earth, groundwater and buildings. Its DNA? Revitalize brownfield and polluted industrial sites by integrating biodiversity, thanks to its unique VALGORisation model. VALGORisation creates sustainable projects based on the circular economy and innovation, while ensuring a managed economic perspective. To date, more than a thousand customers have put their trust in VALGORisation to make their projects eco-responsible and economically sustainable. VALGO's engineering expertise is also increasingly international, with VALGO Group subsidiaries in Europe, Canada and Brazil. With a staff of 800 people, VALGO is continuing to develop its business with key accounts, with the aim of sharing its unique expertise as a "Doctor of the Planet".

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