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## TO ENSURE ITS SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT, 45-8 ENERGY IS SURROUNDED BY AN OUTSTANDING STRATEGIC COMMITTEE!

45-8 ENERGY has reached a decisive stage of development and maturity at which it is necessary, in order to allow the managers to take a step back from the decision-making process, to call on unquestionable experts who are able to positively orient the company's strategic choices.

Thus, the CEO and the Managing Director, supported by the partners, have brought together three well-known experts in their field to form the 45-8 ENERGY strategy committee. Here is a short presentation of each of them:



### MARC BLAIZOT

After a remarkable international career in Europe, the Middle East and Africa in the exploration department of the Total Group, Marc Blaizot became the Group's Director in 2009. Following his departure from the group, Marc became editor-in-chief of the French magazine "Géologues de la Société Géologique de France" in 2016 and then consultant to the World Bank in 2017. His worldwide experience in oil and gas exploration and production, his recognised qualities as an excellent geologist and the network he has acquired in his various roles throughout his career are all factors that convinced us to propose Marc to join the strategic committee.



### PIERRE VINOURE

After starting his career as a geological and geophysical engineer in the oil industry with various groups (ExxonMobil, Beicip-Franlap, Perenco), Pierre Vinour co-founded CVA, a service and consulting company specialising in the very specific sectors of coil and subsurface studies, Geo-Resource exploration and management and the chemical process industry. In just a few years, CVA has established itself as a key technical partner in these sectors. Its notable qualities as a successful entrepreneur, its network and its knowledge of the Human Resources' issues in the subsurface sector are a real added value for the understanding and resolution of our development problems.



### OLIVIER PEYRET

With a global and diversified experience within the Schlumberger group where he has been President of Schlumberger France since 2017, Olivier Peyret is undoubtedly a reference in the field of Geosciences. His status as President of the "Institut de Physique du Globe et d'Universcience Partenaires", as a member of the "British Geological Survey" and as a "Chevalier de l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques" in France, confirm largely this position. His expertise in the development of high technology R&D projects and his international operational experience are key assets to support 45-8 ENERGY in its evolution.

It is an honour to officially announce the appointment of the first three new members of the 45-8 ENERGY strategic committee. The partners and the entire 45-8 ENERGY team are absolutely convinced that the complementary qualities and expertise of each of them will, for sure, bring a determining light to the development of the company.

Nicolas Pélissier, Chairman of 45-8 ENERGY, wanted to thank them personally for their availability and commitment:

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“I warmly thank Marc, Pierre and Olivier for their support to 45-8 ENERGY, a pioneer in environmentally friendly industrial gas exploration in Europe. Their time is precious and they did not hesitate to commit themselves to this adventure and I am particularly grateful to them. The technical team is also delighted to have the support of such mentors.”

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## ABOUT 45-8 ENERGY

45-8 ENERGY is a French company created in 2017 whose main activity is the exploration of helium as well as resources that can be associated with it when the geological context is favourable, such as native hydrogen.

The co-founders have the will to put their experience acquired during more than ten years in other subsurface exploration activities at the service of 45-8 ENERGY in order to devote themselves to this new and unique exploration in Europe representing crucial stakes for the future as helium has become a strategic resource. Indeed, many industries such as semiconductors, fibre optics and medical scanners could not exist without this element, which is abundant in the universe but extremely rare on earth.

The exploration of helium and its potential associated resources being an innovative exploration with many specificities, 45-8 ENERGY is also conducting Research and Development (R&D) work to develop, with academic and industrial partners, efficient tools adapted to the detection of helium and hydrogen in the near surface.

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