

## **ÉEQ'S INNOVATIVE GLASS WORKS PLAN**

### **Five sorting centres to test new cutting-edge glass processing equipment**

**Montréal, November 14, 2016** – Éco Entreprises Québec (ÉEQ) is pleased to reveal the names of the five sorting centres selected to take part in pilot projects to test cutting-edge cleaning and sorting equipment for glass collected through curbside recycling. Under ÉEQ's Innovative Glass Works Plan, the sorting centres will contribute to the search for a concrete solution for 100% of the glass collected through curbside recycling. In winter 2017, official inaugurations will be held in each sorting centre to mark the installation of the equipment, which represents a total investment of \$5.5M.

This new phase of the Plan reflects the businesses' commitment to making curbside recycling a driving force of the green economy. With more efficient equipment, sorting centres will thus better be able to produce quality glass that meets the needs of conditioners and recyclers, which will reuse the glass to manufacture new products, including innovative eco-materials.

Of the 18 sorting centres that applied to be part of the first phase of the Innovative Glass Works Plan, 5 were selected. They ensure province-wide representativity with their respective capacities and locations. The pilot projects will be led by:

- EBI Environnement Inc. in St-Paul-de-Joliette (Lanaudière)
- Tricentris, tri, transformation, sensibilisation in Terrebonne (Lanaudière)
- La Régie intermunicipale de traitement des matières résiduelles de la Gaspésie in Grande Rivière (Gaspésie)
- Récupération Frontenac in Thetford Mines (Chaudière-Appalaches)
- Centre de tri de Québec, operated by Société VIA, in Québec (Capitale-Nationale)

Together, these five centres process approximately 25% of all the glass containers that Quebecers place in their recycling bin.

To accurately measure the success of the Innovative Glass Works plan, ÉEQ will work with government corporation RECYC-QUÉBEC to establish a follow-up committee. A key factor in the plan's success, the committee will be tasked with choosing and monitoring carefully selected performance indicators to ensure coherence between the main objectives of the pilot projects.

### **An innovative, ultra high-performance technology**

Developed by Krysteline Technologies, the state-of-the-art equipment is distributed in North America by Québec equipment supplier Machinex. The implosion technology is paired with magnets, vacuum and screening systems to remove metal, fibre and plastic to produce high-quality sharp free glass cullet.

### **About the Innovative Glass Works Plan**

Announced in January 2016, the Innovative Glass Works Plan aims to find a concrete solution for 100% of the glass collected through curbside recycling in Québec. The Plan includes the implementation of pilot projects to modernize sorting centres across the province so that they may produce higher quality glass, as well as support measures for businesses seeking to develop new eco-materials and outlets for glass collected through curbside recycling. Go to the [Press room](#) section of ÉEQ's website for more information on the Innovative Glass Works Plan.

### **About Éco Entreprises Québec**

Éco Entreprises Québec (ÉEQ) is the organization that develops the Schedule of Contributions and collects company contributions, which are then redistributed to finance municipal curbside recycling services in Quebec. ÉEQ also fosters innovation and the sharing of best practices to optimize the recyclable materials value chain. To do so, ÉEQ cooperates, on the one hand, with companies to reduce the quantities of materials at the source and encourage the use of recyclable materials, and, on the other, with municipalities to increase recycling and the economic value of recovered materials.

ÉEQ is a private non-profit organization created by companies that put containers, packaging and printed matter on Quebec's market. The organization was accredited by RECYC-QUÉBEC in 2005 in accordance with the *Environment Quality Act*.

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