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## **BIO-UV Group announces its initial rating by Gaïa Ratings, confirming its ESG commitment**

**BIO-UV Group (ISIN code: FR0013345493/Ticker: ALTUV), a specialist in water treatment and disinfection systems**, announces its rating by Gaïa Ratings, the Ethifinance ESG rating agency specialised in the segment of SMEs listed on the European market.

This rating was undertaken at the initiative of the asset management company OFI AM which wished to include BIO-UV Group in one of its SRI funds.

*"As a shareholder of BIO-UV Group, OFI AM initiated a close dialogue with the company nearly 18 months ago. Its executive directors were receptive to the need to improve their extra-financial reporting. Like many small companies, BIO-UV Group is outside the radar of the major extra-financial rating agencies and found itself penalised by a lack of communication. We therefore encouraged them to contact Gaïa Rating for an assessment of their ESG performance and we congratulate them on this initial rating which is well above their peers",* **said Bénédicte Bazi, SRI Analyst and Development at OFI AM.**

With a general rating of 57/100, BIO-UV Group is ranked 30<sup>th</sup> among the 130 companies with revenue of less than €150 million (for an average rating in the category of 35/100). The excellent rating of 70/100 obtained on the social aspect even ranks the company 19<sup>th</sup> on this specific criterion (for an average rating in the category of 36/100).

*"We are very proud of this rating which reflects our natural commitment to ESG and particularly environmental themes through our water disinfection business. It places us from the outset in the first quartile of our category. It also enables us to be more visible among asset management companies, which are increasingly using these criteria in their investment decision-making process,"* **added Benoit Gillmann, CEO and founder of BIO-UV Group**

The full report is available on the company's website at the following address: <https://en.bio-uv.com/documents>.

### **About Gaïa Ratings**

Founded in 2004, the Ethifinance agency has put in place its own reference framework in order to assess, on exclusively quantitative bases, the ESG performance of small/medium-sized enterprises, providing analysts and investors with a rigorous support tool for their Socially Responsible Investing (SRI) decisions.

### **About BIO-UV GROUP**

Created in 2000, BIO-UV Group designs, manufactures and markets innovative ultraviolet water treatment systems. The range of equipment developed by the Group is aimed at several markets:

- The recreative market, on which BIO-UV Group is no. 1 in France and in Europe for UV water treatment in residential swimming pools, and for the commercial and semi commercial community pool dechlorination market;
- The municipal and industrial markets, on which specific ranges have been developed for applications such as: purification, effluent treatment, wastewater reuse, process waters, aquaculture, etc.;

- The ballast water treatment market, which has benefited since 2017 from a new international regulation requiring all ships to have equipment to treat their ballast water.

Since acquiring the Scottish company Triogen Holdings Limited in September 2019, BIO-UV Group has completed its offering with advanced ozone and advanced oxidation (AOP) water disinfection technologies for recreational applications, aquariums and aquaculture.

BIO-UV Group has been granted the "Innovative Company" label by Bpifrance and is eligible for the French "PEA-PME" investment scheme.

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