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The Apave Group Launches "Apave Impact" and Strengthens its European Expertise with the Acquisition of DDA in the Netherlands

Apave, a leading international group in risk management, has reached a historic milestone in its ESG strategic plan. The Group today announced the creation of Apave Impact, its dedicated sustainability subsidiary. This new entity is immediately strengthened by the acquisition of De Duurzame Adviseurs (DDA), a Dutch leader in decarbonisation consultancy.

Apave Impact: The Apave Group's Expert Platform for Operational Sustainability

The Group has reached a major turning point by consolidating its sustainability expertise within **Apave Impact**. This new entity serves as the Group's specialist platform to support the responsible transition of companies and organisations across France, Europe, and internationally.

Apave Impact distinguishes itself through its commitment to "practical sustainability", an approach that is both concrete and operational. Its experts possess deep, hands-on experience with the facilities and infrastructure unique to our clients' industries. They support every stage of the sustainable transition, from initial emissions measurement and ecological assessments to the definition and management of decarbonisation roadmaps and regulatory compliance.

Beyond mere compliance, **Apave Impact** positions itself as a catalyst, enabling public and private sector stakeholders to transform regulatory obligations into performance drivers. By integrating its expertise with the Group's established methodologies, **Apave Impact** manages non-financial performance with the same rigour as industrial safety.

The Apave Group now employs over 100 experts specialising in sustainability / ESG.

DDA: A Strategic Acquisition to Accelerate the Apave Group's European Sustainability Activities

To support the launch of Apave Impact and bolster its "Green & Social" service range, the Apave Group has finalised the acquisition of DDA, a major sustainability player in the Netherlands.

For over 20 years, DDA has supported SMEs and public institutions through their environmental transitions, establishing itself as a market leader for the "CO₂-Prestatieladder" standard in the Benelux region. The

company provides a comprehensive suite of services, including carbon footprint assessments, decarbonisation roadmap definition, and strategic ESG consultancy. Leveraging this high-level expertise, DDA supports its customers toward a tangible, value-creating reduction of their environmental, social and governance footprint.

By establishing a presence in the Netherlands, a European hub for sustainability innovation, Apave is accelerating its growth across the Benelux axis. This acquisition grants Apave's international clients access to DDA's cutting-edge expertise while offering the Dutch market the full range of the Group's solutions.

An ambition reaffirmed by management

Philippe MAILLARD, Chief Executive Officer of the Apave Group, emphasised the significance of this strategic shift:

“In the face of the climate emergency and evolving expectations regarding transparency, businesses need partners capable of transforming sustainability challenges into genuine performance drivers. The launch of Apave Impact consolidates this offering. Through the integration of DDA, we are reaching a new technical and organisational milestone in delivering practical sustainability. This merger reinforces our role as a trusted third party, which is essential for securing sustainable business models.”

“We are proud that we can finally share this next step for DDA. Joining forces with Apave Impact gives us the scale, expertise and international platform to accelerate practical sustainability. Together, we see strong opportunities to combine our CO₂ and ESG expertise with Apave's broad capabilities, supporting organisations in the Netherlands and beyond in turning sustainability ambitions into real impact. Above all, we are incredibly proud of our team, who are embarking on this new chapter with us,” added **Merel van der Velde and Lars Dijkstra**, De Duurzame Adviseurs (DDA) Management Team.

About the Apave Group

Apave is an independent international group with over 150 years of experience specialising in the management of technical, human, environmental and digital risks. The Group reported a turnover of nearly €1.9 billion in 2025 and currently employs 18,500 employees across almost 60 countries. Apave provides a comprehensive range of services, including: inspection, certification, vocational training, tests and measurements, consulting and technical support. Apave supports a diverse client base, ranging from private companies to public authorities. For more information: www.apave.com

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