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PRESS RELEASE

HEMP-IT GROUP ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF ITS NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

THE HEMP-IT GROUP IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. ALAN WALTON AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 26, 2026.



A graduate engineer from the National School of Agronomy of Toulouse (ENSAT) and holder of a Ph.D. in Plant Biotechnology from Ghent University (Belgium), Alan Walton brings extensive experience in the agricultural and seed sectors.

Since 2019, he has served as Chief Executive Officer of LABOSEM, a company recognized for its expertise in seed testing and analysis. LABOSEM supports stakeholders across the seed value chain, providing services ranging from seed lot certification for contract seed growers and quality control for export markets to precision seed processing and research and development activities.

« Joining HEMP-it represents a tremendous opportunity for me to contribute to the growth of a rapidly evolving industry. Following my experience in plant biotechnology at VIB in Belgium, plant breeding at ITEIPMAI, and most recently seven years as Chief Executive Officer of LABOSEM at the heart of the seed industry, I am excited to bring this experience to HEMP-it. I look forward to working closely with the company's teams and partners to support its continued growth and success..»

About Groupe HEMP-it

Founded in 1964, the HEMP-it Group is a leading agricultural cooperative in the industrial hemp sector, specializing in the production and marketing of certified hemp seed. Backed by a network of more than 200 committed growers, over 2,000 hectares of seed production, a team of 40 experienced employees, and a strong commitment to continuous innovation, the Group provides long-term support to its customers and partners in France and around the world.

Recognized as a Producer Organisation since December 2023, HEMP-it is the first—and currently the only—European hemp cooperative to hold this status. This recognition enables the Group to represent and promote the technical and economic interests of its member growers at the European level.

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