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ERAFP aligns its SRI strategy with the objectives of the Paris agreement and is accelerating its withdrawal from the coal industry

Paris, 14 November 2019 – Since its creation, the French public sector additional pension scheme (ERAFP) has implemented a rigorous best-in-class investment policy that incorporates a focus on promoting more sustainable and responsible economic activities. Under this approach, ERAFP is cementing its positioning with a view to ensuring that its investment activities are consistent with its commitment to a decarbonised economy.

Limiting a company's exposure to thermal coal-related activities today is a powerful way to limit greenhouse gas emissions, while providing scope for opportunities to contribute to the energy transition.

Based on this observation, ERAFP is adapting its best-in-class policy by requiring companies in sectors with high energy transition stakes to adopt strategies consistent with the objectives of the Paris agreement and by withdrawing from those that fail to do so and whose thermal coal-related activities exceed 10% of their turnover.

At the same time, in order to comply with the timetable for phasing out coal completely worldwide in line with the Paris agreement, ERAFP will step up its engagement actions with companies remaining in its portfolio, in particular under Climate Action100+, to redirect their strategies and activities towards a decarbonised economy.

ERAFP will also seek to ensure a fair transition, taking into account the social aspects of business restructuring in these sectors, and will encourage companies to take initiatives in this direction.

ERAFP: France's number one public service pension scheme and full-SRI institutional investor

With more than EUR 33 billion in financial assets wholly invested in accordance with a fully socially responsible investment approach, ERAFP is Europe's leading SRI institutional investor. From its inception in 2005, ERAFP's board of directors has sought to maximise returns on its financial asset portfolio in accordance with SRI-driven principles. As a signatory of the UN Principles for Responsible Investment, ERAFP adopted an SRI Charter in March 2006 hinging on five values: respect for the rule of law and human rights; social progress; social democracy; environment; and high standards of governance and transparency.

ERAFP is also one of the world's largest public pension funds in terms of member numbers, with almost 4.5 million beneficiaries, close to 44,000 employers and nearly EUR 2 billion in annual contributions in 2018. As a mandatory points-based pension scheme, it has been managing supplementary pension benefits for French civil servants in state-run bodies, local authorities and public hospitals since 1 January 2005.

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