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GRDF, Sagemcom and SUEZ launch the WIZE Alliance to promote Industrial IoT networks

GRDF, Sagemcom and SUEZ are announcing the creation of the WIZE Alliance promoting an international standard for the Industrial Internet of Things. The association, open and non-profit, is bringing together major international players from the industrial and utility sectors in order to support the implementation of Long Range Wide Area Network technology called WIZE. Along the founding members, over 30 companies have already expressed their willingness to join the Alliance.

Specifically designed to connect hard to access objects (isolated or buried objects), leveraging over ten years' experience of field deployments, WIZE delivers secure information for Internet of Things applications for cities (flow management via smart meters, mobility etc.) and industries. This technology, low-power, long-range and bi-directional, operates around 169 MHz frequencies. Already proven all over the world (15 countries and 500 cities in Europe, Africa, Asia and South America are using it), it turns out to be very effective to deploy a network at a local scale. Today, networks using WIZE technology connect over 3 million objects worldwide and continue to expand, particularly through the roll-out of 11 million GRDF's smart gas meters.

For Jean Lemaistre, Deputy Chief Executive Officer at GRDF and President of the WIZE Alliance, "The WIZE Alliance is an essential step to ensure the durability of the technology developed by GRDF within the Smart Gas Meter Project. It will ensure the technology's sustainability within an open and accessible framework for all".

According to Pierre Andrade, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Water France at SUEZ and Secretary of the WIZE Alliance, "The digital is at the heart of the smart city to offer a balance between growth, quality of life and resources protection. Hence, the WIZE Alliance, as a sustainable, global, robust and easy to deploy technology, provides a solution to the new urban challenges".

According to Eric Rieul, Chief Executive Officer for Sagemcom Group "Thanks to WIZE technology, Sagemcom Group will support its customers to meet the new smart metering needs. The creation of this alliance, supported by some of the gas and water world leaders, will allow the international development of this technology".

More information on www.wize-alliance.com