

SuperGrid Institute consolidates its status as one of the top SME patent applicants in France

8th of June 2021 - SuperGrid Institute is once again in the French National Institute of Industrial Property's (INPI) top rankings

For the third year in a row, SuperGrid Institute has been ranked in the Top 10 SME patent applicants in France, following the publication of the INPI rankings on Tuesday the 8th of June. With 14 new patent applications in 2020, the institute of energy transition finds itself in 4th place, demonstrating once again its dynamic drive for innovation in its work to develop the electricity network of the future. The company also retains its place in the Top 10 companies that co-filed patents resulting from collaboration between industry, academia and/or public research.

SuperGrid Institute has proudly maintained its place in the Top 10 ever since the creation of the SME category in the French National Institute of Industrial Property's rankings in 2018, earning 1st place in 2018, 2nd in 2019 and 4th in 2020. The company, which is based in Villeurbanne (Lyon), has 64 patent families. 14 new patent applications were filed in 2020, including 8 resulting from a research/industry/State collaboration. SuperGrid Institute therefore retains its place in the Top 10 companies co-filing patents with research establishments, higher education institutions and public organisations (the only SME in this ranking).

"This award is a wonderful recognition of the intellectual property strategy implemented within the institute and of our exceptionally talented researchers and their work for energy transition", comments Carole Guillaumin, the Institute's Valorisation and Intellectual Property Director.

This intellectual property strategy will be highlighted on Wednesday the 9th of June during the Premier Cercle© Paris IP Seminar, where the institute will participate in a round table. Following this event, which brings together the best French practitioners and experts in the field of intellectual property and innovation, Premier Cercle© is organising its first ever IP Awards to reward the entities having made the most patent applications in France. SuperGrid Institute is proud to be among the winners, as the 2nd place patent applicant in the SME category in 2019 (INPI ranking). More information: www.premiercercle.com/seminaire-pi



ABOUT SUPERGRID INSTITUTE - SuperGrid Institute is a research and technological innovation centre working towards the development of the electricity grids of the future and the massive integration of renewable energies. It offers high value-added technologies for high and medium voltage DC power systems. The company was created in 2014 by a consortium of shareholders from the French electricity sector (industrialists, institutions, research and teaching organisations) and obtained financial support from the State's "Investments for the Future" programme, the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region and Greater Lyon. It has 175 employees.

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