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ImaGeau and BRLIngénierie are launching an integrated water resource monitoring solution to help regions anticipate water shortages

Nîmes, July 8, 2026 – Faced with increasing variability in water resources due to climate change, local governments, industrial companies, and infrastructure operators must be able to rely on a more detailed understanding of water resources and enhanced forecasting capabilities to inform their decisions. To address this challenge, ImaGeau, a Saur group entity specializing in digital groundwater monitoring, and BRLIngénierie, a BRL group entity specializing in hydrological modeling and surface water management, are announcing a strategic and technological partnership aimed at developing an integrated solution for monitoring, forecasting, and decision support, leveraging the interoperability of their respective platforms.

Formally announced on July 8 in Nîmes, this partnership combines two complementary areas of expertise to offer local governments and water resource managers a more comprehensive view of water resources, from aquifers to waterways.

A more integrated approach for better planning

Decisions regarding quantitative water management are now based on an ever-increasing volume of data: groundwater levels, river flows, meteorological data, hydraulic structures, and water withdrawals.

However, this information often remains siloed, even as managers must make trade-offs in increasingly complex contexts.

The partnership between ImaGeau and BRLIngénierie addresses this trend by combining two complementary areas of expertise:

- **ImaGeau**, a Saur group entity, brings its expertise in groundwater monitoring. Its EMI (Environmental Monitoring Interface) platform centralizes, visualizes, and analyzes data from hydrometric stations, piezometers¹, dams, and water intake points, providing a single, accessible interface where public data remains scattered.

¹ Piezometer: a borehole used to monitor groundwater and its level.

- **BRLIngénierie**, a BRL group entity, brings its recognized expertise in hydrological modeling and surface water monitoring. BRLIngénierie develops and operates advanced models for simulating and forecasting flow rates and inflows. The company also offers customized decision-support and early-warning platforms (for floods and droughts) under the WIMES brand (Water Information Management Ecosystem and Services).

A turnkey solution, unique in the French market, serving local governments and industrial clients

Today, the market remains highly fragmented, with players specializing in either groundwater or surface water, and solutions that are rarely integrated from start to finish.

By combining hydrological modeling and operational monitoring, ImaGeau and BRLIngénierie offer a turnkey solution that enables local governments, industrial companies, and water resource managers to:

- Gain a comprehensive view (surface water and groundwater);
- Access forecasting and decision-support capabilities powered by AI (floods, low water levels);
- Simplify usage through a unified and interoperable SaaS solution² backed by directly applicable domain expertise, without having to manage the complexity of integrating multiple service providers.

This partnership, which is unique in France, is still in its early stages. Currently focused on the quantitative aspects of the resource, it is intended to gradually expand to include qualitative considerations and to enhance the interoperability of the EMI and WIMES platforms. Ultimately, ImaGeau and BRLIngénierie aim to expand their services internationally, leveraging the respective locations of the two groups, to build a comprehensive water resource assessment offering designed to foster more resilient regions.

Choosing Nîmes as the venue for the signing ceremony holds symbolic significance. Located in the heart of a region regularly faced with droughts, as well as Mediterranean rains that can cause flash floods, the Gard department exemplifies the growing challenges associated with water resource management. Against the backdrop of climate change, where hydrological phenomena are becoming more variable and intense, local governments need tools that enable them to better understand, anticipate, and manage water resources. This is precisely the goal of the partnership between ImaGeau and BRLIngénierie.

Olivier Depraz, CEO of ImaGeau, states: *"Regions can no longer manage water resources based on a partial understanding of the data. By integrating groundwater monitoring with surface water modeling, we aim to provide managers with a more comprehensive and actionable view of water resources. This partnership with BRLIngénierie marks an important milestone for ImaGeau: it*

² SaaS solution: software as a service, accessible via the internet without having to download an application.

strengthens our ability to support local governments, industry, and public authorities in their decision-making, in a context where foresight is becoming critical."

Gilles Rocquelain, CEO of BRLIngénierie, adds: *"We are pleased to see our discussions with ImaGeau come to fruition, based on our complementary strengths and a shared conviction regarding the need for an integrated approach to water resources. We aim to provide an effective response to the increasingly pressing need for sustainable water resource management, both in France and internationally."*

About Saur

Saur is an international water in infrastructure and services, specializing in the design, operation, and optimization of infrastructure for local authorities and industrial clients. The Group operates across the entire water cycle, with a strong focus on operational performance, continuity of service, and the sustainable management of resources.

In 2024, Saur became the first company in the sector to issue blue bonds, positioning the Group at the forefront of sustainable finance applied to environmental infrastructure.

In 2025, the Group generated revenue of over €2.3 billion and employs 15,000 people in more than 25 countries, including Saudi Arabia, Cyprus, Spain, the United States, Finland, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, and the United Kingdom.

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About BRL

The BRL group specializes in the water, environment, biodiversity, and sustainable land-use planning sectors. Majority-owned by local governments, the BRL group generates consolidated revenue of nearly €102 million, 15% of which comes from international operations, and employs 800 people, more than 720 of whom are based in France.

BRLIngénierie is an international engineering firm specializing in water and environmental management. In addition to hydrological studies and modeling, BRLIngénierie has been developing, for the past 10 years under the WIMES brand, web-based decision-support platforms in these fields, whether to improve resource allocation or to issue alerts in the event of floods or droughts. BRLIngénierie has integrated the use of satellite data and the capabilities offered by AI into its systems.

BRLIngénierie generates 50% of its revenue from international operations, with three subsidiaries in Africa (Ivory Coast, Uganda, and Madagascar) and offices in Tunisia, Cambodia, and Réunion.

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