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**One of the Mersen group's main facilities is the first industrial plant in France to secure EN 16001 certification**

**One of the Mersen group's main facilities located at Saint-Bonnet de Mûre near Lyon has gained ISO 14001 (environment) and EN 16001 (energy efficiency) certification, thereby becoming the first industrial plant in France to be awarded this new accreditation.**

EN 16001 Energy Management Systems, a European standard published in July 2009, defines energy management requirements and sets out recommendations helping businesses to comply with them. ISO 14001 accreditation certifies a site's performance in terms of its environmental impact.

The Saint-Bonnet de Mûre facility, which is one of the Group's main plants in France, manufactures equipment enhancing the safety and reliability of electrical equipment. The certification program that it implemented enabled it to rally its workers behind the goal of reducing its energy bill and mitigating its environmental impact.

The facility gained these certifications by pursuing collective and pragmatic programs involving the entire workforce, which was educated and trained to perform simple gestures to unlock energy savings and help protect the environment.

These certifications are part of the Mersen group's drive to promote **energy efficiency** and **sustainable development**.



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