



Verkor evolves its leadership to support its large-scale industrial production phase

Grenoble, 4 August 2026 – As Verkor enters a new phase of large-scale industrial production, marked by the commissioning of the second production line at its Dunkirk Gigafactory and the delivery of the first batteries produced entirely on-site, the company is evolving its leadership. **Laurent Debrue**, currently Deputy Managing Director and COO, will become **President and CEO of Verkor effective 1 September**. Alongside this evolution, **Benoit Lemaignan**, co-founder and CEO since 2020, **will join the Supervisory Board as Vice-Chairman**.

Laurent Debrue will take overall responsibility for the company and lead Verkor through this new phase of large-scale industrial production. Having overseen the company's industrialisation, the start of the ramp-up of the Dunkirk Gigafactory and the preparation for commercial production, he will steer Verkor's strategy and be responsible for its overall performance.

As Vice-Chairman of the Supervisory Board, **Benoit Lemaignan** will continue to contribute to Verkor's long-term development by supporting strategic partnerships, major financing initiatives and engagement with key stakeholders. He will remain actively involved in supporting the company's strategic direction and vision.

Since its creation in 2020, Verkor has secured more than €3 billion in financing, established a strong industrial footprint in Grenoble and Dunkirk, and is now entering its phase of large-scale industrial production. This leadership evolution is designed to support the company's next phase of execution and growth.

"This evolution reflects Verkor's natural progression from development to industrial execution. Laurent has played a key role in this journey, and I am convinced that he is the right person to lead the company as we scale production. In my new role as Vice-Chairman of the Supervisory Board, I will continue to support Verkor's long-term development." said **Benoit Lemaignan, Vice-Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Verkor**.

"I would like to thank Benoit for his vision and leadership in building Verkor from an ambitious project into a company now preparing for large-scale battery production. Together with our teams, he has laid the foundations that make this next chapter possible. Our responsibility now is clear: execute with discipline, deliver on our commitments and demonstrate Verkor's ability to perform at scale." said **Laurent Debrue, President and CEO of Verkor**.

About Verkor

Founded in July 2020, Verkor is a European industrial company that employs more than 1,000 people (engineers, technicians and operators). The company is based in Grenoble (head office, R&D and pilot production line at the Verkor Innovation Centre) and in Dunkirk (Gigafactory). The Gigafactory's targeted annual production capacity is 16 GWh.

Verkor is accelerating the production of low-carbon batteries to drive the European-wide transition to electric mobility and stationary energy storage. To achieve this, the company brings together more than 40 cutting-edge disciplines, ranging from electrochemical research and algorithm development (Data/AI) to the management of automated industrial processes and supply chain management.

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Laurent Debrue – Laurent Debrue has over 25 years' experience in the battery industry, where he has developed recognised expertise in production, engineering, industrial transformation and the management of international operations. Before joining Verkor, he held several senior management roles within the EnerSys Group, eventually becoming Vice-President of Operations for the EMEA and APAC regions. In this role, he oversaw an extensive international manufacturing network and led numerous transformation projects aimed at improving the group's operational performance.

At Verkor, he joined the management team in 2024 as Chief Operations Officer. In this role, he has overseen the company's operations and industrial development as Verkor prepared for the launch of commercial production at its Dunkirk Gigafactory.

Benoit Lemaignan – Benoit Lemaignan is a co-founder of Verkor, a company he launched in 2020 to accelerate the development of a European low-carbon battery sector. At the helm of the company since its inception, he has secured over €3 billion in funding, built a team of more than 1,000 employees and overseen the establishment of the industrial sites in Grenoble and Dunkirk, right through to the delivery of the first products to Renault.

As an entrepreneur and investor, he has contributed to the development of the European Battery Alliance within EIT InnoEnergy. An aerospace engineer by training and an entrepreneur committed to the energy transition, he has co-founded several innovative companies, including Waga Energy, and held senior management roles in investment and renewable energy. He began his career at Airbus before joining Carbone 4.