

Responsible investing

Robert Transport and Gaz Métro Solutions Transport Stand Out for Pollution and Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction

Longueuil, October 17, 2011 - The Fonds de solidarité FTQ used the inauguration of Gaz Métro Solutions Transport's first liquid natural gas (LNG) fuelling station, which will supply Robert Transport's trucks, as an opportunity to highlight the two companies' environmental stewardship.

"The Fonds de solidarité FTQ is pleased to count among its partners Québec firms that take concrete measures to reduce pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. With this project, Robert Transport and Gaz Métro Solutions have stood out in this regard," said Yvon Bolduc, president and CEO of the Fonds de solidarité FTQ. The Fonds is a partner of Groupe Robert and Gaz Métro, the parent companies of the firms involved in the project.

"Principles of socially responsible investing have been a part of the Fonds' approach since its inception. There has always been a social dimension to our investments. It's never been just about money; the company's impact on the community also matters. We congratulate Robert Transport and Gaz Métro Solutions Transport on this project, which is perfectly in line with the Fonds' approach," concluded Mr. Bolduc.

In 2009, the Fonds joined the United Nations Global Compact, which states the following regarding the environment:

Principle 9: Businesses should encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

In 2011, the Fonds also became a signatory to the Principles for Responsible Investment, which state, among other things:

We will be active owners and incorporate ESG (environment, social and corporate governance) issues into our ownership policies and practices.

About the Fonds de solidarité FTQ

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