



## Rémy Cointreau and INTACT sign an innovative environmental partnership in the supply of neutral alcohol.

Baule, November 14, 2024. INTACT, an industrial and technological company developing low-carbon ingredients from regenerative agriculture, and Maison Cointreau -one of the iconic spirits of the Rémy Cointreau group- a global player in exceptional wines and spirits, announce the signing of a multi-year partnership covering the use of the brand new neutral alcohol Pulse<sup>®</sup>, made from leguminous plants.

Neutral alcohol is an ingredient commonly used by the spirits, cosmetics and pharmaceutical industries, which have a significant environmental footprint. In order to actively contribute to reducing the carbon impact of this activity, INTACT has developed Pulse<sup>®</sup> alcohol, using a technology that has been the subject of a patent application since November 2022. This neutral alcohol is obtained from ecological plants - legumes - recovered into neutral alcohol by a natural, circular process, using only decarbonized energy. The only plants capable of naturally fixing atmospheric nitrogen in the soil, legumes are green fertilizers, at the heart of ecological planning and food sovereignty issues.

Rémy Cointreau therefore wished to collaborate sustainably on this initiative by concluding a three-year partnership with INTACT, starting in January 2026. This collaboration will focus on the production of the emblematic Cointreau orange liqueur, of a minimum of 20,000 HLAP of Pulse<sup>®</sup> alcohol per year, which represents approximately 40% of the House's annual production of neutral alcohol.

This major innovation will enable Cointreau to save 1,200 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent, which will automatically result in a 5% reduction in its carbon footprint.

Finally, this partnership will support the cultivation of 3,000 hectares of legumes in the Centre Val de Loire region.

By choosing Pulse<sup>®</sup> alcohol, Rémy Cointreau intends to contribute to these societal and environmental issues, rationalize the agricultural footprint induced by its activities, preserve biodiversity and continue the decarbonization of its activities.

The alcohol will be produced on the INTACT site, currently under construction in Baule (Loiret), whose inauguration is scheduled for the second half of 2025.

On the occasion of this announcement, Alexis Duval, Co-founder and President of INTACT, declared: *"The development of legumes is a priority for French agriculture. They are called upon to play a central role in the fight against global warming and in the reconquest of our food sovereignty. This partnership marks the strong commitment of the Rémy Cointreau group and its Maisons in favor of the protection of the environment and our lands."*

*"The formalization of the partnership between Rémy Cointreau and INTACT represents a remarkable step forward. The Pulse<sup>®</sup> neutral alcohol solution perfectly meets the Group's ambition<sup>®</sup> at the heart of its "Sustainable Exception" roadmap: to combine the exceptional quality of our spirits with the reduction of their ecological footprint. Maison Cointreau is thus demonstrating its capacity for innovation by becoming the first spirits brand in the world to integrate low-carbon legumes alcohol into its supply,"* says Mélanie Bulourde, Director of Operations and Group Social & Environmental Responsibility.



#### **About INTACT**

Founded in 2022 by Alexis Duval, Fanny de Castelnaud and Christopher Hervé, INTACT is an industrial and technological company developing low-carbon ingredients from regenerative agriculture based on legumes for the food, cosmetics and pharmaceutical sectors. With 65,000 hectares of production and 12,000 partner farmers, INTACT aims to create a new European sector to produce vegetable proteins from legumes and the world's first neutral alcohol from legumes based on regenerative agriculture. Based in Baule (Loiret), INTACT will start marketing its products in the second half of 2025.

#### **About Rémy Cointreau**

All around the world, there are clients seeking exceptional experiences; clients for whom a wide range of terroirs means a variety of flavors. Their exacting standards are proportional to our expertise – the finely-honed skills that we pass down from generation to generation. The time these clients devote to drinking our products is a tribute to all those who have worked to develop them. It is for these men and women that Rémy Cointreau, a family-owned French Group, protects its terroirs, cultivates exceptional multi-centenary spirits and undertakes to preserve their eternal modernity. The Group's portfolio includes 14 singular brands, such as the Rémy Martin and LOUIS XIII cognacs, and Cointreau liqueur. Rémy Cointreau has a single ambition: becoming the world leader in exceptional spirits. To this end, it relies on the commitment and creativity of its 1,943 employees and on its distribution, subsidiaries established in the Group's strategic markets. Rémy Cointreau is listed on Euronext Paris.

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