

Media Release

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FRENCH FIRMS SETTING UP HOME IN VICTORIA

Two French companies will establish their headquarters in Victoria, further strengthening the business ties between the two economies and creating highly skilled jobs in both the technology and renewable energy sectors.

Speaking at the French-Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Business Breakfast today, Minister for Economic Development Tim Pallas announced investments from VISEO and Total Eren that will create 65 new jobs.

Tech company VISEO will set up its Australian head office in Melbourne, to help it increase brand awareness and drive sales in Australia and New Zealand.

VISEO Australia will create up to 50 new FTE jobs over five years, that will be primarily responsible for designing and building products and delivering project management services to assist with its customers' digital transformation.

The company is the latest addition to Melbourne's thriving tech sector, which has already attracted companies like Zendesk, Square and Alibaba.

Meanwhile, global renewable energy company Total Eren will relocate its Asia Pacific HQ from Singapore to Melbourne – its second largest office outside of Paris – which will lead all new project development for the region, creating 15 new jobs.

Total Eren, which has a presence across 24 countries, is the latest renewable energy company to invest in Victoria, following in the footsteps of Tilt Renewables, Acciona Nordex, BayWa re, X-Elio and Iberdrola.

Victoria is home to a diverse range of successful and innovative French businesses, including Alstom Transport, Dassault Systèmes, Lactalis, L'Oréal, Renault and Transdev.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Economic Development Tim Pallas

"Time and again businesses are choosing Victoria to set up shop – and that's no coincidence."

"It's a vote of confidence in the strength of our innovation sectors, our strong economy and capacity for growth – and it means more jobs."

Quote attributable to Total Eren APAC Regional Director Michael Vawser

"We chose Melbourne for our HQ for many reasons, including proximity to all major banking and finance corporations, access to a highly educated and talented workforce, and its diverse and exciting culture."

Quote attributable to VISEO Asia Managing Director Olivier Dhonte

"Choosing Melbourne as the location of our Australian Head Office was obvious. Victoria provides an extraordinary culture with a high education level and talented workforce. Victoria is a leading destination, very attractive and competitive within the technology environment."

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