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## **Allego, a Leading pan-European Electric Vehicle Charging company, accelerates its growth and begins trading on the New York Stock Exchange**

Following its recent business combination with Spartan, a publicly listed special purpose acquisition company, Allego announced today its successful listing on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). Meridiam welcomes this transaction, which consecrates Allego as a key milestone in its European low carbon energy transition success story.

Following early cooperation with Allego back in 2016, Meridiam acquired Allego in 2018 as a partner of choice to take up the challenge of expanding a pan-European electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure. Since then, Meridiam provided capital and its landmark status and development expertise to enable the expansion of Allego's existing European network, services and technologies. Allego is now a leading pan-European Electric Vehicle (EV) charging company, with over 28,000 public EV charging ports in 12 European countries.

The proceeds of the transaction is expected to fund Allego's future growth through the deployment of additional public EV charging sites with fast and ultra-fast chargers in Europe as well as the bolstering of its technological platform. Allego has secured a backlog of 500 new premium sites providing near-term visibility on network development. These expansion plans come at a key moment in European history. They will further contribute to the shift towards less dependence on fossil fuels as well as sustainable and clean mobility.

On this occasion, Thierry Déau, founder and CEO of Meridiam, said: "We have been a pioneer in the electric mobility space since 2015 and launched, at the Paris-based COP21, our dedicated investment vehicle focused on energy transition. Today, we are particularly proud of this achievement which illustrates our long-lasting commitment to innovative low carbon solutions and Allego's ongoing success story".

Meridiam will remain a long-term strategic partner and majority shareholder of Allego, alongside new partners to support Allego's continued development and contribution to Europe's transportation sector electrification.

Jane Garvey, Chairperson of our Supervisory Board, is chair of Allego's Board of Directors. Julien Touati, Partner and Corporate Development Director at Meridiam, Sandra Lagumina, Partner and Deputy Chief Executive Officer at Meridiam, Julia Prescott, Partner and Chief Strategy Officer of Meridiam, and Thomas Josef Maier, Member of the Regional Advisory Board of Meridiam for Central and Eastern Europe are also directors on Allego's Board.

### **About Meridiam**

Meridiam was founded in 2005 by Thierry Déau, with the belief that the alignment of interests between the public and private sector can provide critical solutions to the collective needs of communities. Meridiam is an independent investment Benefit Corporation under French law

and an asset manager. The firm specializes in the development, financing, and long-term management of sustainable public infrastructure in three core sectors: sustainable mobility, critical public services and innovative low carbon solutions. With offices in, Addis Ababa, Amman, Dakar, Istanbul, New York, Luxembourg, Paris, Toronto, Vienna, Libreville and Johannesburg, Meridiam currently manages US\$18 billion and more than 100 projects to date. Meridiam is certified ISO 9001: 2015, Advanced Sustainability Rating by VigeoEiris (Moody's), ISO 37001 Anti-Corruption certification by AFNOR and applies a proprietary methodology in relation to ESG and impact based on United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



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