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GNR Shefford chooses equipment from the Quebec-based company Ivys for its agricultural biomethanization project

GNR Shefford, a private agricultural biomethanization project in Shefford, has always wanted its initiative to be built on a foundation of trust, a shared history, and a common vision of what the energy transition should be: human-centered, local, and sustainable.

When building a project like GNR Shefford, you quickly realize that technology, no matter how advanced, isn't the only factor to consider. What also makes a difference are the people behind that technology.

It is in this spirit that we chose the containerized biogas valorization solution from the Blainville-based company Ivys, led by Doctor of Mechanical Engineering Prabhu K. Rao, a man whose journey has deeply moved us.

The man, who earned a Bachelor's degree in Technology from the Indian Institute of Technology, a dual Master's in Mechanical and Environmental Engineering, in addition to his PhD in Mechanical Engineering, has dedicated over twenty years to developing clean technologies around the world.

With his background from IIT and over twenty years of experience developing clean technologies worldwide, Mr. Rao embodies the rare combination of scientific rigor and human sensibility. But what inspired us most is his attachment to Quebec and the team he rebuilt here in Blainville, when the former company Xebec, a Quebec pioneer in adsorption technologies, was going through a difficult period.

Rather than moving on, he chose to buy the assets, rebuild the company, and preserve a unique local expertise. Not for glory, but to save jobs, support a Quebec-based industry, and revive local industrial pride.

It is this kind of leadership and these values that inspire us at GNR Shefford.

Ivys is more than just a supplier: it is a partner of heart and conviction. Their biogas purification technology, partly stemming from research and innovation developed in Quebec, is today one of the most reliable and advanced in the world. But beyond performance, it is the humanity, perseverance, and vision of Prabhu and his team that sealed our decision.

Two Quebec companies, two stories of passion and resilience, united to advance agriculture and clean energy together.

This project is not just about clean energy coming from our own farm; it is about the future, the land, and shared trust.

Paul Sauvé, farmer

Promoter of the GNR Shefford project