

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **PHOENIX CAPITAL B.V. chooses French group AMARANTE to secure operations for the AXIS National Program in the DRC: a 15-year strategic partnership**

**Phoenix Capital B.V. (PHC), the private operational partner of the AXIS National Program with the DRC Social Fund, is joining forces with Amarante, an international leader in security and cybersecurity, to design and deploy the comprehensive protection architecture integrated into the AXIS ecosystem, a sovereign initiative of the Democratic Republic of Congo dedicated to modernizing and securing natural resources.**

**Jointly managed by Amarante Latin America** from Phoenix Capital's decision-making center in Sint Maarten (Caribbean – Dutch West Indies, a constituent country of the Kingdom of the Netherlands), the strategic and operational hub of the AXIS Program, this system integrates **Magni Ops Inc.**, a subsidiary of PHC specializing in drones and aerial surveillance, to guarantee physical and digital security in accordance with international standards.

**A partnership of sovereignty, structured to last** in contrast to traditional security outsourcing models, Phoenix Capital, Amarante, and Magni Ops have opted for a strategic partnership, integrated into the very governance of the AXIS Program.

"The aim of this partnership is to guarantee the security of people and strategic assets within the AXIS ecosystem in a complex international context. It covers an estimated operational scope of more than \$1 billion, illustrating the scale, complexity, and criticality of the security systems to be deployed across several continents. We chose Amarante for its proven expertise in sensitive environments, its international standards (ISO, ICoCA), and its ability to implement integrated solutions," said Alain Lemieux, President of Phoenix Capital.

**As a strategic operational partner, Amarante deploys a robust intervention framework based on four pillars:** critical infrastructure security, protection of executives and teams, risk management and business continuity, cybersecurity, and data resilience.

"This model, which complies with international standards (ISO, ICoCA, UN Guiding Principles, Montreux Document), guarantees disciplined execution adapted to the complex terrain in which the AXIS Program operates," emphasizes Alexandre Hollander, CEO of the Amarante Group.

#### **The security system will be reinforced by the capabilities of Magni Ops Inc., including:**

- Deployment of advanced aerial surveillance solutions
- Use of drones equipped with specialized sensors
- Secure exploitation of data and decision-making intelligence tools
- Protection of logistics corridors, sensitive sites, and critical operations

"We are proud to contribute alongside Amarante by deploying our advanced technologies for proactive surveillance and secure data exploitation in support of AXIS operations," said **Aurélien Garçonnet**, CEO of **Magni Ops Inc.**

**The project will be overseen by a Strategic Steering Committee and a Joint Operational Unit, ensuring responsiveness, consistency, and continuity over the long term.**

**Jean-Pierre Ferro**, President of **Amarante Latin America**, adds: "The opening of an Amarante branch in Sint Maarten will strengthen our ability to act quickly and effectively alongside Phoenix Capital and Magni Ops."

**A strong signal to markets and institutions:**

- **Amarante** is establishing itself as the leader in global security in Africa, the Caribbean, and the Americas.
- **Phoenix Capital** is becoming the architect of long-term sovereignty systems,
- **Magni Ops** provides drone and data solutions for the most sensitive environments.

"This partnership propels the AXIS Program to the forefront of global integrated security for sovereign projects, combining physical security, cybersecurity, advanced technologies, and governance," said Perry Geerlings, CEO of Phoenix Capital.

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**About Phoenix Capital B.V.**

Phoenix Capital is the exclusive private partner of the AXIS National Program, dedicated to financial and technological engineering for the development of natural resources and the implementation of innovative solutions in the DRC and internationally.

**About Amarante International**

Amarante is a European leader in security, risk management, and cybersecurity, with an operational presence in Latin America and Africa, and certification by international standards such as ICoCA.

**About Magni Ops Inc.**

Magni Ops Inc., a subsidiary of Phoenix Capital, specializes in drone-based material transport systems, advanced aerial surveillance, and secure data exploitation for complex environments.

**About the AXIS Program**

The AXIS National Program is a sovereign initiative of the Democratic Republic of Congo aimed at modernizing and securing the natural resource value chain through innovative solutions. It is structured around three pillars: the tokenization of strategic assets (gold, carbon) to create sustainable financial instruments, the deployment of critical infrastructure (operational bases, logistics corridors, technology hubs), and the overall security of operations and data in accordance with international standards. AXIS embodies an integrated approach to economic, technological, and security development, aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).