

## Press Release

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### **Ile de Saint-Louis in Senegal: NGE selected to carry out restoration works (public and private heritage) on this UNESCO World Heritage Site**

**The Agence nationale chargée de la Promotion des Investissements et des Grands Travaux (APIX) of Senegal has entrusted NGE, French construction group present in Senegal since 2017, with the project to build the Saint-Louis craft village and to complete the redevelopment works of Place Baya Ndar (formerly Place Faidherbe) and Avenue Jean Mermoz.**

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Located in the centre of the island, Place Baya represents the heart of the city, beyond its strong historical and symbolic value. The urban redevelopment project led by NGE includes the renovation of the forecourt using exposed aggregate concrete, installation of public lighting, creation of an open-air cinema space, installation of urban furniture, and the greening of part of the square.

In parallel, NGE will construct new infrastructure within the craft village. Once completed, the site will include a reception area, a performance hall, a restaurant, 9 m<sup>2</sup> and 15 m<sup>2</sup> workshops, and administrative spaces. These new facilities will provide more than 60 local artisans with modern, functional workspaces adapted to their craft activities and to the growing needs of the tourism sector.

On Avenue Jean Mermoz, the works will focus on completing pedestrian walkways and creating a belvedere offering views of the Senegal River.

*"We are honoured to take part in the restoration of Ile Saint-Louis, a site of immense historical and cultural wealth. This project reflects our commitment to regional development and planning, enhancing both heritage and local economic momentum. NGE continues to strengthen its presence in Senegal through a wide variety of projects that showcase the diversity of our expertise. It is a source of pride for the Group." — Florian Rapetti, Country Director NGE and SADE Senegal*

Since 2017, NGE has contributed to major projects in Senegal, including the Regional Express Train project with the reconstruction of the metre-gauge freight line, and the rehabilitation of the ports of Dakar and Ziguinchor. The Group has also carried out civil engineering, earthworks and pipeline works, including the construction of five treatment plants in the Kaffrine region. In the future, NGE will continue to support the development of sustainable infrastructure in Senegal, particularly in the sectors of water, transport, and urban development.

**About NGE – [www.nge.fr](http://www.nge.fr)**

NGE – New Generations of Entrepreneurs – the fourth largest construction group in France, builds major infrastructures and urban or local projects. With its expertise in financing, design, construction, and maintenance, the Group is a key player in delivering infrastructures that address the economic and ecological challenges of the territories. Its entrepreneurial drive is supported by a strong employee ownership structure (the founders, management, and employees hold 72% of the Group's capital) reinforced by Montefiore Investment, a leading French investment firm (28% of the capital). With a turnover of 4.6 billion euros, NGE operates in 20 countries, supporting private and public clients in financing, designing, and building their transition projects in water, mobility, urban renovation, energy, and telecommunications. NGE's 23,600 employees are proud to contribute to building infrastructures that change the world.

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