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**ABP Investments, one of largest pensions funds in the world,
chooses VIGEO's extra- financial research**

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ABP Investments manages the assets of ABP, the second largest pension fund in the world (AUM over €200 billion). To identify opportunities and risks that are relevant to its long-term investment policy, ABP Investments has developed an approach based on financial analysis and complementary extra-financial information.

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Sylvain Guyoton, Commercial Director for Extra-Financial Research and Services at VIGEO, declared: "this collaboration with ABP Investments represents a concrete example of collaboration between two signatories of the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)".

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About Vigeo

Vigeo is the Leading European Corporate Social Responsibility Ratings Agency. Vigeo measures the companies' CSR performance on environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria and identifies ESG risk factors.

Vigeo provides two services:

- SRI analysis (Socially Responsible Investment), ratings and benchmarks for investors and asset managers
- CSR Audits for companies and local governments

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