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HEMERIA Invest announces the acquisition of CNIM AIR SPACE, which becomes HEMERIA Airship. The DEFINVEST sovereign fund of the French Ministry of Defence remains the owner of 15% of the capital, alongside HEMERIA Invest.

CNIM AIR SPACE is a recognized specialist in helium-filled aerostats, with strong experience and a key position with major European customers. The company develops and manufactures high-tech products such as aerostats, airships and lighter-than-air drones.

These systems ensure missions as diverse as the transport of loads or passengers, the collection of scientific measurements at high or very high altitudes, the surveillance of zones with high security stakes, the observation of the Earth's climatic disturbances, the automatic surveillance of infrastructures such as pipelines, transport or electricity networks, or the relaying of telecommunications.

The company also designs and manufactures satellite thermal protections (also called MLI – multi layer insulation).

This operation is perfectly in line with HEMERIA's development strategy, which completes its small satellite offer with complementary systems operating at lower altitudes.

The technological, industrial and business synergies are considerable: they will allow HEMERIA Airship to accelerate its innovation projects and its business development in France and abroad.



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Located in the Toulouse region, HEMERIA Airship has 70 employees and achieves an annual turnover of 10 M€.

Thanks to this new acquisition, the HEMERIA Group is entering a high potential market thanks to two key assets of aerostats: they are more environmentally friendly and much less expensive than other vehicles carrying out similar missions.

Nicolas MULTAN, CEO of HEMERIA, declares: *"I am very pleased that the further development of the HEMERIA group will be achieved through the integration of this French gold nugget in the fields of "lighter than air" and thermal protection for satellites. We are also certain that the many synergies we will implement will strengthen HEMERIA's positioning in the field of Defense and open up great export businesses."*

Aurélié HULARD, president of CNIM AIR SPACE, adds: *"It is with great serenity that I entrust CNIM AIR SPACE to the HEMERIA Group. Thanks to this transaction, this industrial gold nugget will be able to accelerate the development of its potential, supported by the recognized experience and expertise of its new shareholder as well as by the French government, which reaffirms its confidence in the technologies deployed by CNIM AIR SPACE by remaining a shareholder via the DEFINVEST fund managed by Bpifrance on behalf of the French Ministry of Defense."*

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About

CNIM AIR SPACE – cnim-air-space.com - @cnim_air_space

CNIM AIR SPACE is a European key player in aerostat systems, whether tethered, stratospheric or dirigible and one of the main French suppliers of thermal protection for satellites. Building on a 50-year heritage and a 9,000 sq-m industrial site, our offer is aimed at the innovative and demanding markets of defense, security and space.

We design and operate surveillance and communication systems based on tethered aerostats to protect states, goods and people.

Recognized for our historical know-how, we manufacture stratospheric balloons and thermal protections for satellites for European space contractors and disruptive New Space projects.

Committed to address the challenges of today's world, we are innovating in the field of green aviation with our drone airships.

EN9100 certified, CNIM AIR SPACE employs 70 people and is located near Toulouse, at the heart of the French aerospace ecosystem.

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With €100 million provided by the French Ministry of Defence, DEFINVEST combines the complementary expertise of the French Defence Procurement Agency (DGA) and Bpifrance. The fund, managed by Bpifrance, is designed to extend the support mechanisms already deployed by the DGA for SMEs, by acquiring equity stakes in strategic DITB SMEs, alongside financial and industrial investors, to enable them to develop independently.

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HEMERIA designs and manufactures technology-intensive and secure equipment and systems for two several markets: the sovereign defense and the space industry.

For space, HEMERIA designs and manufactures first-class products that meet the needs of companies and scientific customers in commercial, defence and security applications. HEMERIA develops a range of high-performance small satellites offering fast, competitive and efficient access to space. HEMERIA is also one of the three main European suppliers of panels, thermal protection and interconnection devices for larger satellites.

At the heart of Defence, HEMERIA designs, manufactures and tests electronic on-board equipment for deterrence and is also a supplier of electro-optical trajectory systems (EOTS) for test centres. HEMERIA also provides a range of services to ensure that high criticality electronic equipment is maintained in operational conditions.

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