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GAUSSIN announces the creation by METALLIANCE of two assembly lines for electric vehicles intended for logistics and port activities

**Revitalization of an industrial site in Saint-Vallier
New production of 38T and 75T electric vehicles from 2021**

GAUSSIN (EURONEXT GROWTH : ALGAU - FR0013495298) announces the creation of two assembly lines for ATM[®] (logistics) and APM[®] (port) vehicles in Saint-Vallier in Saône-et-Loire, on a site adjacent to that of its subsidiary METALLIANCE. These lines will be installed in 8,000 m² of industrial premises currently being renovated by the Creusot Montceau Urban Community. They are scheduled to be commissioned by autumn.

Mass production of electrical ranges for logistics and ports

The creation of these two assembly lines is a response to the increase in production of GAUSSIN logistics and port vehicles. On the logistics side, the ATM[®] FULL ELEC 38T is a great success with logistics and mass distribution operators. In the first half of 2021, the group had orders for 202 ATM[®].

The APM[®] FULL ELEC 75T, designed for the port market, is also growing in popularity, as demonstrated by the order placed at the end of April (see press release of 22 April 2021) for 36 APM[®] 75T HE electric tractors by CIT Abidjan, a port terminal jointly operated by Bolloré Ports and APM Terminals, a subsidiary of the Maersk group.

These assembly lines will be commissioned by fall 2021. Eventually, their annual production capacity could reach 450 to 500 vehicles with a workforce of 40 to 50 people on site.



An ATM[®] (left) in operation in logistics and the APM[®] 75T HE (right) dedicated to port activity

First synergies between GAUSSIN and METALLIANCE

The new site will be operated by the teams of METALLIANCE, a GAUSSIN subsidiary since 2020, whose headquarters are located nearby in the La Saule industrial zone in Saint-Vallier. The transfer of skills between the two companies has already begun in view of the installation of the new lines and the effective start of production.

This is how the division of activities between GAUSSIN and METALLIANCE is taking shape. The former is concentrating its resources on research, development, engineering and prototyping of new hydrogen and electric vehicles, while its subsidiary is deploying its mass production know-how, in addition to its historical activities.

Towards the rehabilitation of an industrial site

The Creusot Montceau Urban Community, through the semi-public company SEMCIB, is in charge of rehabilitating this 30,000 m² site, which was closed by its previous owner last April. The objective is to transform the site into a new industrial zone where several regional and national companies will be located.

By taking over 8,000 m², the GAUSSIN Group has shown the way and has entered into a constructive partnership with the urban community in a win-win operation and in attractive conditions.

“The installation of GAUSSIN is excellent news and testifies to the economic boom encouraged by SEMCIB and the Creusot Montceau Urban Community. We have given ourselves 4 years to successfully market the entire site. Today, this is a very encouraging first step that comes early in the process and opens up job prospects for the months to come”, says **Jean-Claude Lagrange, Chairman of SEMCIB and Vice President in charge of economic development for the Burgundy-Franche-Comté region.**

“This operation is an opportunity for both GAUSSIN and METALLIANCE. One year after our merger, it marks the real start of synergies between the two companies. METALLIANCE brings to its parent company the mass production capacities that will enable it to meet the growing demand from the major players in the logistics and port sectors”, says **Jean-Claude Cothenet, CEO of METALLIANCE.**

“Our ranges of clean and intelligent vehicles are becoming increasingly popular. Our order book includes more than a hundred ATM[®] and several dozen APM[®]. And we are conducting negotiations in both the logistics and port sectors with very large players in Europe and throughout the world. It is therefore important for the Group to have the industrial capacity to respond to the increase in production in the coming months. Today's acquisition of the Saint-Vallier site, next to the METALLIANCE site, was an opportunity that we had to seize. The employment area, historically specialized in industry, offers valuable skills and expertise for our development”, explains **Christophe Gaussin, CEO of the GAUSSIN Group.**

About METALLIANCE

METALLIANCE is a company specialized in the study and realization of industrial equipment and mobile machines. It designs and builds equipment for the realization of infrastructures in the world of transport (road, rail, metro) and energy (oil and gas, steam...).

Since July 2020, METALLIANCE has been part of GAUSSIN, an engineering group which designs, assembles and markets innovative products and services in the field of freight transport and clean and intelligent mobility. GAUSSIN has been listed on Euronext Growth in Paris since 2010.

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About GAUSSIN

Gaussin is an engineering company that designs, assembles and sells innovative products and services in the transport and logistics field. Its know-how encompasses cargo and passenger transport, autonomous technologies allowing for self-driving solutions such as Automotive Guided Vehicles, and the integration all types of batteries, electric and hydrogen fuel cells in particular. With more than 50,000 vehicles worldwide, Gaussin enjoys a strong reputation in four fast-expanding markets: port terminals, airports, logistics and people mobility. The group has developed strategic partnerships with major global players in order to accelerate its commercial penetration: Siemens Postal, Parcel

& Airport Logistics in the airport field, Bolloré Ports and ST Engineering in ports and Bluebus for people mobility. GAUSSIN has broadened its business model with the signing of license agreements accelerating the diffusion of its technology throughout the world. The acquisition of METALLIANCE confirms the emergence of an international group present in all segments of intelligent and clean vehicles.

In October 2019, the Group won the World Autonomous Vehicle Transport Competition "Category leader" - "Better energy and environmental sustainability".

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