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## Press Release – For Immediate Release

*The ECM Group is reorganising its companies and structuring its business into four distinct divisions to strengthen its agility, resilience and capacity for innovation. One of the main areas of this reorganisation concerns its capital goods manufacturing business. This involves the merger of ECM Technologies, ECM Greentech and their manufacturing entity ECM Technologies Villard Bonnot. All these structures are now brought together under a single company: ECM Technologies.*

*This merger will enable the ECM Group to strengthen its competitiveness, leverage existing synergies between its various activities and better serve its markets.*

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The ECM Group is reinforcing its capital goods manufacturing business by bringing together several legal entities under the company ECM Technologies. This merger between ECM Technologies, ECM Greentech and ECM Technologies Villard Bonnot creates a division dedicated to the manufacturing of innovative heat treatment furnaces.

The aim of this merger is to better serve its customers and respond more effectively to market changes. It will enable the ECM Group to build up a veritable hub of skills and knowledge around its core areas of thermal engineering, gas management and atmospheres. This marks a first step towards realising its ambition of becoming the world leader in vacuum heat treatment equipment, all technologies combined.

The brands have been kept, with their own technological and market positioning. ECM Technologies focuses on vacuum heat treatment of steels and special projects. ECM Greentech is positioned in other materials for silicon markets (photovoltaics & semiconductors) and crystal growth (sapphire, silicon carbide, ruby). Annealsys remains an independent subsidiary.

*« By focusing on agility, efficiency and innovation, our aim is to prepare for the future and ensure our resilience in addressing the industrial challenges of today and tomorrow. The aim of this merger is to consolidate best practice and skills, while preserving the entrepreneurial spirit that characterises us » - Arthur Pelissier, CEO of ECM Technologies.*

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