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TIKEHAU ACE CAPITAL BRINGS ITS MAJORITY STAKE IN GROUPE ROSSI AERO TO MECACHROME TO DEVELOP ITS ACTIVITY IN THE RAPID MANUFACTURING OF AERONAUTICAL PARTS ON DEMAND

Mecachrome, supported by Tikehau Ace Capital and Bpifrance, announces the transfer of a majority stake in Groupe Rossi Aero, a leading supplier to the aerospace industry specialising in rapid manufacturing.

Mecachrome is a leading French player in the design, machining, sub-assemblies and high precision assemblies for the aerospace, automotive, defence and energy sectors.

Groupe Rossi Aero is a family-owned company specialising in the manufacture of parts and equipment in small and medium series for aircraft and equipment manufacturers, as well as in maintenance, repair and maintenance in operational condition. Groupe Rossi Aero operates three sites in the Toulouse area. Groupe Rossi Aero is recognised for its technicality and performance making it strategic for the sector and particularly for the Airbus assembly lines.

This transaction demonstrates the Mecachrome group's commitment to enriching its offer by integrating multi-technology speed-shop services, which address the urgent production of small and medium-sized series of parts. These services are in high demand by aeronautical OEM in a context of ramp-up in production rates.

Groupe Rossi Aero, as a subsidiary of Mecachrome Group, will keep its operational autonomy. Mathieu Rossi, as President of Groupe Rossi Aero, will also be in charge of Mecachrome's Speedshop Division and will join Mecachrome's Strategic Committee.

Christian Cornille, CEO of Mecachrome, said : « *The transfer of Tikehau Ace Capital's shares in Groupe Rossi Aero to Mecachrome is a clear indication of the group's external growth and diversification strategy. Within Mecachrome, Groupe Rossi Aero becomes our flagship for the Speed-Shop services, a highly strategic segment for our customers.* »

Mathieu Rossi, CEO of Groupe Rossi Aero, added : This transaction with the Mecachrome group allows us to continue our industrial journey. I am pleased to participate in this transaction supported by Tikehau Ace Capital through the Mecachrome group, which recognises the specificity and strategic nature of our activity. »

Marwan Lahoud, Executive Chairman of Tikehau Ace Capital, said : « *We are pleased to participate in the consolidation of the sector and we support the teams of Mecachrome and Groupe Rossi Aero in their joint development. This transaction will enable the new Group to meet the growing needs of its customers while maintaining a high level of service quality.* »

About Mecachrome

The Mecachrome Group is a High Precision Mechanics world leader. For more than 80 years, Mecachrome has been a key player in the design, engineering, machining and assembly of high-precision parts and assemblies for the aerospace, Premium automotive, motor sport, defence and energy industries. Thanks to its industrial expertise and cutting-edge technology, Mecachrome has earned an international reputation as a first-rate integrator for its customers, which includes: Airbus, Boeing, Bombardier, Dassault, Ferrari, Alpine Renault Sport, Safran, Stelia, Spirit, Porsche, Rolls Royce. Mecachrome employs 3500 people worldwid.

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About Groupe Rossi Aero

Family-owned company founded in 1976, Groupe Rossi Aero is a leading supplier to the global aerospace industry, positioned in the areas of custom component manufacturing, small and medium series manufacturing and maintenance, repair and maintenance in operational condition.

Specialising in the design and production of high value-added structural parts and sub-assemblies for aircraft manufacturers and equipment suppliers, Groupe Rossi Aero has integrated know-how in the precision machining of light alloys and hard metals, sheet metal work, surface treatment and assembly.

Customer satisfaction, respect of deadlines and quality are part of the DNA of the Groupe Rossi Aero. Groupe Rossi Aero operates three sites in the Toulouse area and employs nearly 300 people.

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About Tikehau Ace Capital

Tikehau Ace Capital is a private equity firm specialised in strategic industries and technologies, with €1.3 billion in assets under management. Founded in 2000, Tikehau Ace invests with a vertical approach in strategic industries (e.g. Aerospace, Defense and technologies (e.g. Cybersecurity)). Tikehau Ace Capital has built its model on strategic partnerships with large corporates (including Airbus, Safran, Dassault Aviation, Thales, EDF, Naval Group, and Sopra Steria), which invest in its funds and maintain an ongoing dialogue with the firm, enabling Tikehau Ace Capital to take a differentiated approach to investing. Tikehau Ace is present in Paris, Toulouse and Madrid, and benefits from the worldwide presence of Tikehau Capital.

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