

PRESS RELEASE

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SOMOCAP STRENGTHENS WITH THE PURCHASE OF THE AQUITAINE CAOUTCHOUC COMPANY

**Somocap, a family SME of 55 people specializing in the production of technical parts in elastomers, silicones, thermoplastics and composites, announces the strategic acquisition of the company Aquitaine Caoutchouc. This operation, representing an activity of around €1 million in elastomer molding, aims to accelerate the development of Somocap and expand its portfolio of products.
industrial customers**

AN AMBITIOUS STRATEGIC PLAN

Specializing in the molding of rubber, composite and technical plastic parts, Somocap is continuing its strategic development plan.

In 2023, the company which operates 3,000 m2 of production space which has become insufficient, launched into the construction of a second production site to ultimately double its production capacity. This project is accompanied of an ambitious commercial development plan aiming to achieve a turnover of €8 million by 2028 compared to €5.8 M€ in 2023.

A STRATEGIC ACQUISITION FOR ACCELERATED GROWTH

In a difficult industrial context, Somocap seized the opportunity to buy Aquitaine Caoutchouc, a family company created in 1987 in Dordogne and specialized in technical rubber parts. With more than 30 years of expertise,



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Aquitaine Caoutchouc brings Somocap a solid base of industrial customers and recognized know-how in solutions custom made.

STRENGTHENING POSITIONING ON THE MARKET

This acquisition strengthens Somocap's positioning in the rubber and silicone molding market techniques. Aquitaine Caoutchouc customers will benefit from Somocap's multi-expertise in thermoplastics, composites, elastomers and silicones, thus offering an interesting leverage effect for their development.

DECLARATION OF LEADERS:

Fabrice Sorhouet, President of Somocap: "With the acquisition of Aquitaine Caoutchouc, Somocap is seizing a strategic opportunity to support its growth. This decision illustrates our ambition to consolidate our position and continue to innovate in our field. The priority objective is to sustain and develop the Aquitaine Caoutchouc markets. The challenge is to ensure continuity as quickly as possible for Aquitaine Caoutchouc customers via integration into the SOMOCAP production tool which has the capacity to accommodate them both in terms of expertise technical as well as in terms of infrastructure and equipment. »

Dominique Küffer, President of Aquitaine Caoutchouc: "The Somocap company has an indisputable set of characteristics that are particularly favorable to the takeover of Aquitaine Caoutchouc and I have the satisfaction that the continuity of my company is ensured by a family SME from Nouvelle-Aquitaine sharing the same values, the same expertise and all the equipment necessary to restart the activity as quickly as possible and under the best possible conditions. »

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