

AKKA TECHNOLOGIES

PRESS RELEASE

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AKKA Technologies becomes an international player and a European leader in mobility sector thanks to the purchase of MBTech

The antitrust authorities have approved the purchase by AKKA Technologies of a 65% stake in MBtech.

The acquisition creates the European leader in Engineering and Technology Consultancy in the mobility sector (automotive, aeronautics, aerospace and rail industries). It reinforces the balance between sectors and clients in the aeronautics and automotive industries and secures the Group's international status with a solid base in Europe's two most dynamic markets, France and Germany.

Following the lead set by AKKA Technologies, MBtech will increase the pace of its growth through sector diversification (aeronautics, rail industries and automotive). Daimler and AKKA Technologies intend to develop the company jointly in order to strengthen its competitiveness.

From now on an international group, AKKA Technologies is accelerating its growth, with combined revenues in 2011 of about € 900 million, € 460 million in France, € 340 million in Germany and € 100 million in the rest of the world.

The new AKKA-MBTech group positions itself at the high added value end of the engineering profession worldwide, thus offering a unique savoir faire, and creating many new career opportunities.

Established by Daimler in 1993, MBtech is a high tech service company specialized in the automotive sector. It has in-depth expertise across the entire value chain – style, vehicle engineering, powertrain solutions, electronics solutions & consulting, engineering process – making it a major player in the technology sector in Germany.

In 2011, MBTech had approximately 3,000 engineers, and totalled revenue of about € 350 million - 91% of which came from the German automotive industry.

The closing of the purchase of MBtech by AKKA Technologies took place on April 12th, 2012 and MBtech will be included in the consolidation scope, effective April 1, 2012. Daimler remains a 35% partner, making MBtech autonomous of its main customer and becomes now minority shareholder. The agreement with Daimler insures the revenues of MBtech for the 5 years to come.

"We are very proud to welcome MBtech," says Maurice Ricci. "The fact that Daimler has chosen us to accelerate the growth of its subsidiary is recognition of our expertise and our market position. Our long-standing relationship with MBtech will facilitate the development of synergies, which will create value and generate strong organic growth. AKKA Technologies focuses from now on the construction of a group of more than one billion euros with serenity."



Next press release: 1st quarter revenues, 9 May 2012 after Stock Market closure.

About AKKA Technologies

***“The best way to predict the future is to invent it.
Sharing a passion for technology.”***

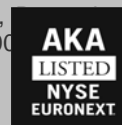
AKKA Technologies, European Engineering and Technology Consultancy Group, supports major industrial and service sector clients throughout the various phases of their projects, from R&D and design studies to industrial production.

Its expertise in a range of complementary fields enables AKKA Technologies to bring real added value to its clients working in: aeronautics, automotive, space/defence, consumer electronics, telecommunications, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, iron and steel, energy, rail, marine, service sector, and more.

The mobility of its teams and its international positioning mean that AKKA Technologies works globally on projects at the cutting edge of technology.

The AKKA Technologies Group now has more than 10,000 employees at over 20 sites throughout the world: in Germany, North America, Belgium, the UAE, Spain, France, Italy, India, Morocco, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Switzerland and Tunisia. The Group's combined revenues for 2011 amounted to 900 million euros (unaudited) over 50% of which came from outside France.

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