

## **PRESS RELEASE**

# CARMAT to participate in the 34<sup>th</sup> ISHLT annual meeting in San Diego, California

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CARMAT (FR0010907956, ALCAR), the designer and developer of the world's most advanced total artificial heart project, providing an alternative for people suffering from terminal heart failure, announces that it is to participate in the 34<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the <u>ISHLT-International Society for Heart & Lung Transplantation</u>, which will take place in San Diego, California, from April 10 to 13, 2014.

Piet Jansen, Medical Director, Marc Grimmé, Technical Director, and Prof. Christian Latrémouille, heart surgeon at the Georges Pompidou European Hospital, will present the project during a special session of the MCS Masters Academy prior to the annual meeting, on April 8, 2014 at 1.30 pm local time.

Furthermore, on April 9, 2014 in San Diego, CARMAT will also hold a meeting with a view to forming a group of American experts.

Lastly, CARMAT will exhibit the bioprosthesis and its components on stand 423-425 of the Meeting's exhibition area from April 10 to 12, 2014.

"We are delighted to have this opportunity to share our project with international specialists, and notably the specificities of our preclinical and clinical progress. We are also particularly honored by the substantial interest shown by the leaders in the field we have asked to participate in our group of American experts", commented Dr Piet Jansen, CARMAT's Medical Director.

#### About CARMAT: the world's most advanced total artificial heart project.

The only credible response for all cases of end-stage heart failure, which is a real public health issue: CARMAT's aim is to be able to provide a response to a major public health issue associated with heart disease, the world's leading cause of death: chronic and acute heart failure. Indeed, this disease currently affects over 100 million patients in developed countries. By pursuing the development of its total artificial heart, CARMAT intends to overcome the well-known shortfall in heart transplants for the tens of thousands of people suffering from heart failure.

The result of combining two types of unique expertise: the medical expertise of Professor Carpentier, known throughout the world for inventing Carpentier-Edwards® heart valves, which are the most used in the world, and the technological expertise of Airbus Group, world aerospace leader.

**Imitating the natural heart**: given its size, the choice of structural materials and its innovative physiological functions, CARMAT's total artificial heart could, assuming upcoming clinical trials are successful, potentially benefit the lives of tens of thousands of patients a year whilst ensuring there is no risk of rejection and providing them with an unparalleled quality of life.

A project leader acknowledged at a European level: with the backing of the European Commission, CARMAT has been granted the largest subsidy ever given to an SME by Bpifrance; a total of €33 million.

Strongly committed, prestigious founders and shareholders: <u>Truffle Capital</u>, a leading European venture capital firm, <u>EADS</u>, the <u>Fondation Alain Carpentier</u>, the <u>Centre Chirurgical Marie Lannelongue</u>, and the thousands of institutional and individual shareholders who have placed their trust in CARMAT.

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