



PRESS RELEASE

CARMAT wins the 2014 INPI* Award in the “Patent” category

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CARMAT (FR0010907956, ALCAR), the designer and developer of the world's most advanced total artificial heart project, aiming to provide a therapeutic alternative for people suffering from end-stage heart failure, announces that it has won the “Patent” category at the 2014 INPI Awards ceremony held on Tuesday December 2.

Since their creation in 1991, the INPI Awards highlight and reward companies that are emblematic in terms of French innovation. The 2014 edition’s jury felt that CARMAT stood out through the exemplarity of its innovation strategy and its ability to put together a team of engineers, biologists and doctors with complementary areas of expertise. This multidisciplinary approach has enabled the first self-regulated bioprosthetic heart to be taken through to the clinical trial phase. This French innovation is protected by 155 national patents already granted and 51 patents pending in Europe and 25 countries.

CARMAT’s patent portfolio covers the prosthesis’ architecture, its hemocompatible materials and its functional subassemblies.

Marcello Conviti, Chief Executive Officer of CARMAT, comments: *“We are honored to have received this award. I would like to dedicate it to the entire team, and in particular to our engineers who are continuing to develop our intellectual property. In the ever-changing medical device sector, patents play a crucial role and CARMAT regularly files patent applications in order to protect its innovations and increase its technological leadership.”*

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*** About INPI (*Institut national de la propriété industrielle*)**

INPI, France’s national industrial property institute, is an entirely self-funded public body placed under the authority of the Ministry for the Economy, Industry and Digital Affairs. It grants patents, trademarks and industrial design rights, and provides access to all information concerning industrial property and businesses. It actively participates in drafting and implementing government policy in terms of industrial property and fighting counterfeiting.

About CARMAT: the world’s most advanced total artificial heart project

A credible response to end-stage heart failure: CARMAT aims to eventually 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. 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 irreversible end-stage heart failure, the most seriously affected of the 20 million patients with this progressive disease in Europe and the United States.

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 the necessary clinical trials are successful, potentially benefit the lives of thousands of patients a year with no risk of rejection and with a good 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: [Airbus Group](#), Professor [Alain Carpentier](#), the [Centre Chirurgical Marie Lannelongue](#), [Truffle Capital](#), a leading European venture capital firm, and the thousands of institutional and individual shareholders who have placed their trust in CARMAT.

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