

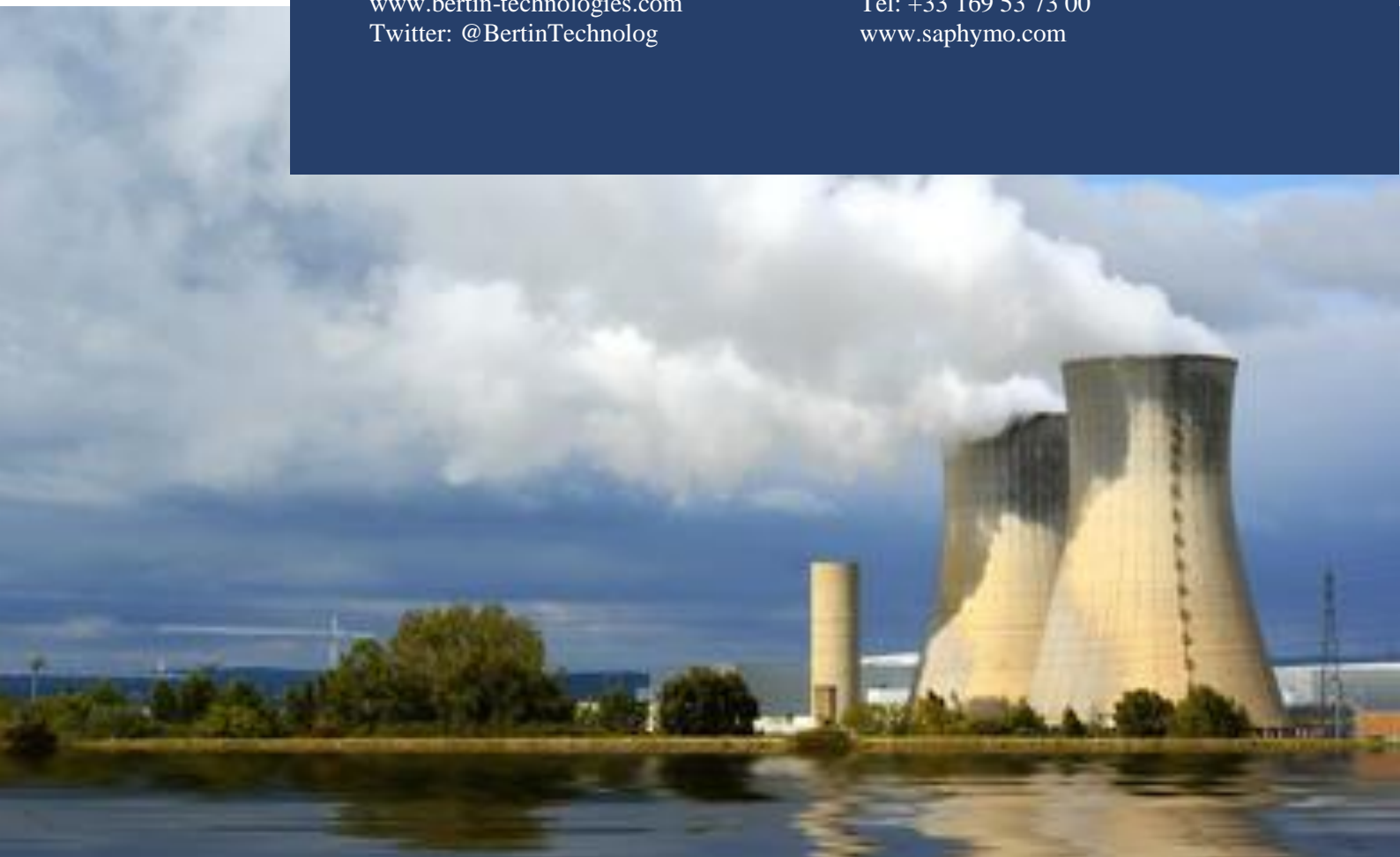
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Bertin Technologies, a subsidiary of the French industrial group CNIM¹, is strengthening its range of instrumentation equipment and systems by acquiring the Saphymo Group. This take-over would take effect in early January 2015.

Saphymo is a key French provider of instrumentation solutions for detecting and measuring ionizing radiation. Saphymo is active in 3 sectors: the nuclear industry, the environment and defense and security. Based at Saint-Aubin on the Saclay plateau next Paris, it has 3 other sites in France as well as 2 subsidiaries located in Germany and in Italy.

Bertin Technologies is at the forefront of French technological and industrial innovation and has been investing for a number of years in the area of state-of-the-art instrumentation systems, recently winning contracts with major players in the space (vehicle-based sensing and soil test rigs) and defense sectors (Megajoule laser alignment system). Since it is involved in laboratory instrumentation², Bertin Technologies is also one of the leading French companies engaged in detecting chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) threats³.

The two companies will both maintain their current workforce and operating sites. Together Bertin Technologies and Saphymo will be able to develop both technological and commercial synergy in their product ranges in the nuclear and CBRN sectors. They will therefore form a coherent unit with a strong presence on the international stage and active in markets which have grown considerably in recent years as a result, on the one hand, of lessons learnt from the Fukushima disaster and, on the other, from persistent terrorist CBRN threats.

As Philippe Demigné, CEO of Bertin Technologies and member of the Management Board of CNIM, stated: "this cooperative take-over fits in with continuing developments in France and the export of our laboratory instrumentation apparatus and equipment for detecting CBRN threats. Combining forces with Saphymo will enable us to offer a full and effective range of products and services."

According to Laurent Schneider-Maunoury, CEO of the Saphymo Group, "joining the CNIM Group will allow Saphymo to continue developing and to strengthen its commercial outlets. The prospect of forming a coherent unit is a tremendous stimulus for development."

¹ CNIM is quoted on Euronext Paris

² Cf. www.precellys.com

³ Cf. www.secondsight-gasdetection.com

SAPHYMO

REVEALING THE INVISIBLE

Saphymo has been a key player in ionizing radiation monitoring for 60 years. The company is involved in numerous aspects of radiation detection and measurement. Its product ranges are associated with personal protection and process and environmental monitoring: dosimetry, portable radiation protection, contamination monitoring, fixed channels, access control and environment.

Saphymo's products and solutions, designed for constrained industrial environments, are used in the nuclear industry (nuclear power plants, fuel cycle, etc.) and also in many other sectors: defense, security, environmental monitoring and track&trace.

Based in Saint-Aubin in the Paris region, the Saphymo group has 160 employees and reported a turnover of just over €20 million in 2013. It also has sites in Grenoble, Thiron-Gardais and Bègles. It has two subsidiaries in Germany and in Italy.

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BERTIN TECHNOLOGIES

HARNESSING STATE-OF-THE-ART TECHNOLOGY TO TACKLE MAJOR CHALLENGES

As a subsidiary of the CNIM Group, Bertin Technologies is backed by a tradition of innovative engineering which it deploys to develop, produce and market innovative systems and equipment throughout the world. Through its 400 top level engineers and scientists it is particularly active in the energy and environment sectors, defense and security, pharmaceuticals and life sciences as well as aerospace.

Based at Montigny-le-Bretonneux in the Paris region, the group also has sites in Orléans, in the south west (Bordeaux, Toulouse, Tarnos) and in the south east of France (Aix, La Seyne-sur-Mer). It is also heavily engaged on the international stage, mainly due to its subsidiary Bertin Corp., based in Washington.

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A COMPANY IN THE CNIM GROUP

The CNIM Group designs and produces turnkey high-tech industrial plants and provides expertise and operational services in the environmental, energy, defense and industrial sectors.

The Group is based on a stable family shareholding, safeguarding its development. CNIM employs 2800 staff in 15 countries and recorded a turnover of 781.9 million euros in 2013, 67.6% of this achieved from exports. CNIM is quoted on Euronext Paris.

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