

## PRESS RELEASE

# CARMAT wins the Mechatronics Award of the decade

Recognition of its mechanical and electronic innovations

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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 has won the Mechatronics Award of the decade, an award given during the <u>European Mechatronics Meeting</u> (EMM) held on June 17 and 18, 2014 in Annecy, France.

Created 7 years ago, the Mechatronics Awards reward products, processes, research or services that are particularly innovative in terms of mechatronics, a field combining mechanics, electronics and IT. These awards are organized by THESAME (a mechatronics, industrial management and innovation management resource centre), ARTEMA (the French mechatronics industry association) and CETIM (*Centre Technique des Industries Mécaniques*, or technical centre for mechanical industry), and is the European benchmark in this field of activity. The jury, which consists of sectorial specialists, voted unanimously for the artificial heart project developed by CARMAT, acknowledging the quality of its mechanical and electronic developments resulting in a unique mechatronics application.

"We are deeply honored to receive this award, which rewards more than a decade of work by our teams. I would like to thank all of our staff and partners who are committed every day to helping this project move forward. This reward is recognition of the quality of our mechanical and electronic innovations that have been successfully incorporated within a highly-evolved medical device", said Patrick Coulombier, COO of CARMAT.

#### 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 20 million patients in Europe and the United States. 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<sup>®</sup> 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>Airbus Group</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. *For more information:* <u>www.carmatsa.com</u>

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