



## PRESS RELEASE

# Airbus Group joins the CARMAT Board of Directors

Anne-Pascale Guédon becomes a Director,  
replacing Michel Finance

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CARMAT (FR0010907956, ALCAR, PEA-PME eligible), 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, today announces that, at its meeting of March 20, 2015, CARMAT's Board of Directors decided to co-opt Mrs Anne-Pascale Guédon, representative of Matra Défense, a 100% subsidiary of Airbus Group, as a Director of CARMAT, thus replacing Mr Michel Finance, who is standing down, for the remaining duration of the latter's mandate, i.e. until the conclusion of the Shareholders' Meeting that will be asked to approve this co-option and to rule on the Company's 2014 annual accounts.

With more than 25 years of international experience in investment and in Mergers & Acquisitions, since 2008 Anne-Pascale Guédon has been Vice President Finance Engineering at Airbus Group, where she is responsible for managing funds to invest worldwide, via joint ventures or acquisitions, in core related businesses in order to establish a long-term footprint in countries of strategic interest to the Group. She is on the Board of the companies thus invested in. Before joining Airbus Group, Anne-Pascale Guédon held various executive positions within French companies (Bouygues, Loxam, Crédit Agricole) and international companies (GE Capital in London and Man Group in Hong Kong). She graduated from HEC and SFAF (the French society of financial analysts). Mrs Guédon is also an auditor of the 64<sup>th</sup> national session of the IHEDN (National Institute for Defense Studies) and is a Colonel in the French Air Force reserve force. She has also been appointed Corporate Secretary of the BalanceforBusiness network, a recently-created global network that aims to promote diversity within Airbus Group.

**Jean-Claude Cadudal, Chairman of CARMAT's Board of Directors, comments:** *"We are delighted to welcome Anne-Pascale Guédon to CARMAT's Board of Directors. Her financial expertise and in-depth knowledge of the industrial sector will be real assets for CARMAT's strategic orientations. I would also like to sincerely thank Michel Finance for his contribution, which has gone far beyond that of a simple Director, notably within the framework of his two years as acting CEO of CARMAT in 2008 and 2009, but also for his chairmanship of our Audit Committee that has enabled the Group to ensure continual internal control and risk management procedures and real efficiency in the monitoring of its accounts and internal audit."*

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### **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.

**For more information:** [www.carmatsa.com](http://www.carmatsa.com)

#### About Airbus Group

Airbus Group is a global leader in aeronautics, space and related services. In 2014, the Group – comprising Airbus, Airbus Defence and Space and Airbus Helicopters – generated revenues of €60.7 billion and employed a workforce of around 138,600.



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