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CARMAT to participate in the 36th ISHLT annual meeting in Washington DC

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CARMAT (FR0010907956, ALCAR), the designer and developer of the world's most advanced artificial heart project, aiming to provide a therapeutic alternative for people suffering from end-stage biventricular heart failure, announces that it will be participating in the 36th annual meeting of the <u>ISHLT</u> - <u>International Society for Heart & Lung Transplantation</u>, one of the world's largest forums in this field, which will take place in Washington DC (USA) from April 27 to 30, 2016.

At the event, CARMAT will exhibit and present a functioning bioprosthetic heart during individual appointments already scheduled with a number of European and American opinion leader cardiologists and surgeons, who will thus be able to enhance their knowledge and understanding of CARMAT's technology.

"We are honored and delighted to have this opportunity to share our project's progress and breakthroughs with international specialists. Our technology has been the subject of much enthusiasm following the completion of the feasibility study", **commented Dr. Piet Jansen, CARMAT's Medical Director.**

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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 \notin 33 million.

Strongly committed, prestigious founders and shareholders: <u>Airbus Group</u> (Matra Défense), Professor <u>Alain Carpentier</u>, the <u>Centre Chirurgical Marie Lannelongue</u>, <u>Truffle Capital</u>, 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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