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## **SERMA Group expands into the United States and acquires Texas based MICROTECH LABORATORIES**

**Pessac, September 4, 2023. The SERMA Group announces its expansion on the North America market with the acquisition – on July 20 - of MICROTECH LABORATORIES, an electronics and semiconductor failure analysis laboratory based in Plano, a suburb of Dallas, Texas.**

Founded in January 2000, MICROTECH LABORATORIES is an independent laboratory specializing in failure analysis and reverse engineering of semiconductors.

MICROTECH LABORATORIES has highly qualified personnel and state of the art laboratories equipped with high-performance instruments. The company offers a wide range of expert services such as decapsulation or micro sectioning, reverse engineering, schematic extraction, failure analysis and construction of electronic components and printed circuits, as well as associated consulting and training.

The acquisition of MICROTECH LABORATORIES enables SERMA, and in particular its subsidiary SERMA Technologies, to extend geographically its offer of analysis, design and consulting services, which is already firmly established in France with its 6 laboratories in close proximity to its 600 European customers.

This acquisition gives MICROTECH LABORATORIES the opportunity to expand its services offerings on the North America market, drawing in particular on the skills and resources of SERMA Technologies, and to offer its reverse engineering and schematic extraction services in Europe.

By setting up in the United States, SERMA aims to build a solid and growing presence across the Atlantic. Initially, the company aims to become a major local player in the field of electronic analysis laboratories. Subsequently, the SERMA Group intends to take advantage of this move to develop its other businesses: engineering, development and repair of embedded systems, microelectronics design and assembly, characterisation and testing of energy systems, systems safety and reliability.

This acquisition marks a major step forward in the SERMA Group's international strategic development, enabling it to structure its American branch, which will include MICROTECH LABORATORIES, to serve the American industrial market more effectively and more closely.

SERMA was assisted on this project by:

- EC Mergers & Acquisitions (France and USA teams) as M&A advisory and investment bank
- King & Spalding International (France and USA teams) for the legal aspects
- Ernst & Young (France) for the financial aspects

### ABOUT MICROTECH LABORATORIES

Founded in January 2000, MICROTECH LABORATORIES is an independent laboratory specialising in failure analysis and reverse engineering of semiconductors.

With 15 highly qualified employees and 850m<sup>2</sup> of floor space, the company offers a wide range of services, including reverse engineering, schematic extraction, failure analysis and construction of components and printed circuits, as well as other services such as decapsulation and micro sectioning of semiconductors.

The company mainly serves North American customers in industry and the legal sector.

<https://www.microtechlaboratories.com/>

### ABOUT SERMA TECHNOLOGIES

Created in 1991, SERMA Technologies offers consulting, expertise, analysis, control and testing activities on materials, electronic components, cards, complete electronic systems, battery technologies and photovoltaic modules.

With more than 200 engineers and technicians, 7,000m<sup>2</sup> of laboratory space and a presence at 4 sites in France, SERMA Technologies supports its customers throughout the industrial cycle by advising them on the development, manufacturing, maintenance in operational conditions, HM/PHM (Health Monitoring/Prognostic and Health Management) and reliability of their products (maintainability, availability).

SERMA Technologies consists of 3 main business units:

- Centre of Expertise: SERMA Technologies carries out more than 7,000 physical and electrical analyses per year on components, boards, electronic systems, batteries and photovoltaic panels, in all sectors of activity,
- Consulting: ETM® (Electronic Technologies Management) optimises the use of electronic technologies. The HM/PHM offer optimises the reliability of your products (boards, electronic systems, batteries) with optimised maintenance strategies,
- Training: in-company, inter-company, online, customised and streaming.

[www.serma-technologies.com](http://www.serma-technologies.com)

### ABOUT THE SERMA GROUP

SERMA is an independent platform of expertise, consulting and testing and products for electronic technologies and embedded systems. It is particularly involved in the design, security and reliability of products and data.

Specialising in sectors with severe environment, reliability and safety requirements, SERMA is characterised by its culture of technical excellence and its network of experts. SERMA is involved throughout the product life cycle: from the R&D and design phases to maintenance in operational conditions.

SERMA Group supports system designers and users in mastering their strategic challenges and is organised around the following 6 complementary business lines:

- Energy
- Electronics technologies
- Systems safety and cyber security
- Embedded systems engineering
- Microelectronics
- Telecommunications

The Group employs 1,300 people at 12 sites in France, Germany and Tunisia. It has sales of over €170m in 2022.

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