

SERMA Group and ACC join forces to drive the electric future: they sign a 6-year strategic partnership for battery testing

Pessac, January 23, 2024 - **SERMA Group and Automotive Cells Company (ACC), a leading manufacturer of battery cells and modules for electric vehicles, announce the conclusion of a six-year strategic partnership. This partnership marks a crucial step in the growth of the SERMA Group's energy business, and represents a mutual commitment to promoting and developing electric mobility in France and worldwide.**



By multiplying its test capacity dedicated to the validation of electric vehicle powertrains, SERMA confirms its positioning at the heart of the automotive industry's future challenges. The new test center, located in Martillac near Bordeaux on a platform of over 6,500m², will welcome 45 new employees and will be operational by the end of 2024. The first tests at the new center will start in 2025.

SERMA will carry out electrical and abuse tests for Automotive Cells Company on batteries developed by the R&D Expertise Center in Bruges, reinforcing a fruitful collaboration of over two years.

The SERMA Group, expert in electronic technologies for over 30 years, began its commitment to batteries in 2010.

In 2018, the SERMA Group accelerated its shift to electric vehicles with the opening of a test center incorporating the latest technologies in Pessac.

The Group's ambition didn't stop there, as it signed several strategic partnerships with leading mobility manufacturers in 2019.

SERMA is thus positioned as a key partner in the development of French and European gigafactories.



SERMA's battery expertise goes far beyond electrical and abuse testing. SERMA offers services based on its knowledge of the technologies and chemistries used in batteries. SERMA can also set up test centers at customer sites.

This strategic alliance reflects the two companies' shared commitment and vision in promoting sustainable electrification, both regionally and internationally.



"We are delighted to be able to strengthen the collaboration we began with ACC over 2 years ago. The mutual trust developed between our teams paves the way for a new phase of growth, symbolized by this long-term contract dedicated to electrical and abusive testing. We are proud to continue our expansion in the field of electromobility while supporting ACC, which stands out as a pioneer in this sector." Philippe BERLIE, President of SERMA Group

"To demonstrate the design quality of our cells, we carry out a large number of tests involving cells in all customer configurations and over their entire lifecycle. The efficiency of the work carried out with the SERMA teams over the last 2 years has led us to prepare this partnership contract, which should enable us to be more responsive and efficient in our future developments." Alain RAPOSO, R&D EVP at ACC.



It is important to emphasize that the project would have been impossible without the commitment and efficiency of the real estate company Berlie Building Company. Their ability to identify, negotiate, and finance the Martillac site within a few weeks was crucial for the realization of this project.

ABOUT AUTOMOTIVE CELLS COMPANY

Automotive Cells Company (ACC) aims to become the European leader in batteries for electric vehicles. Our project is supported by TotalEnergies-Saft, Stellantis and Mercedes AG, as well as by the European authorities, particularly in France, Germany and Italy. From these three countries, we will develop and industrialize the next generation of cleaner energy sources for transport, thanks to sustainable, affordable, high-capacity and longer-life batteries.

As a high-tech company, we have invested 7 billion euros in the early stages of our development. Our R&D center of expertise is already up and running in Bruges (Bordeaux, Nouvelle-Aquitaine), as is our pilot plant in Nersac, France (Angoulême, Nouvelle-Aquitaine) and our first gigafactory in Billy-Berclau Douvrin, Hauts-de-France. Over the next few years, we will further strengthen our innovation and production capacities with a new applied engineering center and a second gigafactory (planned in Germany for 2025), as well as a third gigafactory in Termoli, Italy. We have established a global network of R&D associates, as well as industrial partners and suppliers.

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ABOUT THE SERMA GROUP

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

Specialized in sectors with high environmental, reliability and safety requirements, SERMA is characterized 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 through to maintenance in operational conditions.

SERMA Group supports system designers and users in mastering their strategic challenges, and is organized around the following 6 complementary businesses:

- Energy
- Electronics technologies
- Safety and cybersecurity of systems
- Embedded systems engineering
- Microelectronics
- Telecommunications

The Group employs 1,300 people and operates from nearly 20 sites in Europe, Tunisia and the United States. It expects to achieve sales of over €170 million by 2022.

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