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## PRESS RELEASE

### **UTAC CERAM AND SERMA GROUP SIGN A PARTNERSHIP FOR BATTERY TESTS**

Linass-Monthéry, June 29, 2020. UTAC CERAM, a private and independent group, who are significant partners of many organizations within the automotive and mobility sector and SERMA Group, specialists in electronics systems, are announcing today the signing of a partnership agreement.

This commercial partnership agreement covers battery testing for electric and hybrid vehicles. This partnership is perfectly timed following governmental announcements aimed at making France the largest European producer of clean zero emissions vehicles with the production of a million electric, plug-in hybrid and hybrid cars per year by 2025.

In order to meet the existing and ever more stringent regulations limiting CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, manufacturers will have to significantly reduce the Carbon Dioxide emissions of their future new cars by 37.5% between 2021 and 2030. We understand the importance of this issue and the need to help manufacturers strongly accelerate the development of their electrified driveline systems to achieve these targets.

This new partnership agreement is therefore designed to support manufacturers and the tier supply chain of all automotive batteries in this crucial transformation and to enable them to meet this new challenge. UTAC CERAM and SERMA Group will provide a full range of battery tests, at cell, module and pack level, and from development tests to final certification. The test capabilities of both partners will be deployed in parallel and complementary ways including: EMC chambers, climatic chambers, and destructive testing ... in order to meet the requirements of regulation R100.02 of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) concerning the safety of vehicles and batteries. Within SERMA Group, this partnership is supported by the entities SERMA Energy and SERMA Technologies.

The latest figures published by ACEA attest to a huge increase in the Electric Vehicle market with an 81% increase in sales recorded in April 2020 in Europe. This new partnership will further strengthen the value chain of the driveline electrification in France and the rest of Europe.

**About UTAC CERAM:**

UTAC CERAM demonstrates expertise in all areas of transport: Regulation & Approval, Testing & Expertise (environment, safety and reliability), Consulting & Training, Roadworthiness Tests, Standardisation, Certification and Events. UTAC CERAM, private and independent group, is recognised as a French technical inspection centre and as an official Euro NCAP test centre. The group also holds a unique position in Europe with its ISO 17025 accredited test laboratories. 580 people perform their functions at two test centres, Linas-Montlhéry (Essonne) and Mortefontaine (Oise), as well as beyond France and around the world, with subsidiaries in the United Kingdom, United States, Germany, Russia, China and Japan. The group has annual revenues of close to €83 million. The group reinvests more than 11% of its revenues per year.

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**About SERMA :**

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

Specializing in sectors with high environmental, reliability and security constraints, SERMA is characterized by its culture of technical excellence and its in-house network of experts.

Throughout the electronics life cycle - from the R&D and design phases to maintenance in operational conditions - SERMA GROUP provides global offers around 5 complementary businesses:

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

1200 engineers and technicians are the strength of the Group operating with 12 industrial sites in France, Germany and Tunisia. The Group generated sales of more than € 140 million in 2019.

The SERMA group's activity consists of the following subsidiaries: SERMA Technologies, Science et Surface, SERMA Ingénierie, AW2S, SERMA Safety and Security, SERMA NES, SERMA Energy, SERMA Microelectronics, ID MOS, SERMA Productivity Engineering and SERMA International.

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