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## MECACHROME ANNOUNCES THE ARRIVAL OF NEW MEMBERS TO ITS SUPERVISORY BOARD

**Paris, 20 July 2020 – Mecachrome, European leader in the manufacturing of parts for the aerospace and automotive industries, announces the arrival of three new members to its supervisory board. This aims to strengthen the company's governance, particularly in the role Mecachrome wishes to play in the consolidation of the sector**

The Mecachrome Group is consolidating the supervisory body of its management with the arrival of Olivier Horaist, Laurent Collet-Billon and Eric Zanin. The latter will also take on the role of Chairman of the Monitoring Committee.

For the shareholders and the group's CEO, this strengthening is clearly in line with Mecachrome's roadmap to regain an ambitious commercial dynamic and position itself as a platform for consolidation in the aeronautics sector despite difficult market conditions. The composition of this new supervisory board also reflects the group's desire to strengthen its position in defence by capitalizing on its skills acquired on programmes such as the Airbus A400M or the Safran M88 engine (Rafale).

For **Eric Zanin**, *"With my experience in industry and in the aeronautical supply chain, I intend to make a strong commitment to the future of Mecachrome and to the consolidation of the sector in order to create international and diversified champions. As such, I am delighted to join the group's supervisory board, to which I will devote my energy and knowledge."*

### His career

An engineer from the ENS des Arts et Métiers and a graduate of INSEAD, Eric Zanin began his career in 1980 at Aérospatiale until 1992, where he held various managerial positions in the industrial department. He then became Director of Operations for the satellite division before taking over as head of the assembly lines at Airbus Toulouse in 1997. On this occasion, Eric Zanin contributed to the creation of the Aircelle JV and the implementation of the A380 assembly line. From 2004 to 2010, he was in charge of Airbus' international strategy and piloted the "Zephyr Project" as part of the Power 8 program. He then held the position of Director of Purchasing and Supply Chain from 2010 to 2015 before taking charge of the A330, ATR and A380 programs. During his tenure, Eric Zanin contributed in particular to the development of the A330Neo, the A330 MRTT and the establishment of a finishing and delivery centre in Tianjin.

For **Laurent Collet-Billon**, *"The defence sector has historically relied on the skills and expertise of suppliers in the aeronautics industry. In the current crisis context, accelerating Mecachrome's diversification into this resilient market is a relevant strategy which I will be happy to support through my involvement in the supervisory board."*

### His career

Laurent Collet-Billon, a General Armament Engineer, began his career at the DGA in 1974 and managed various communication programmes there until 1987. He then became technical advisor to the Minister of Defence André Giraud before returning to the DGA where he was in charge of the Horus programme. He held various positions of responsibility in the fields of space, ground systems, electronics and defence information systems. From 2001, Laurent Collet-Billon held the position of Deputy to the General Delegate for Armament before taking over as head



of the DGA from 2008 to 2017. He was also advisor to the Chairman and CEO of Alcatel-Lucent from 2006 to 2008 and a member of the board of directors of Thales from 2014 to 2017.

For **Olivier Horaist**, *"My arrival on the Mecachrome supervisory board comes at a time when the challenges of digital transformation and consolidation of the French aeronautics industry are at the heart of our concerns. I am naturally very happy to support Mecachrome's proactive strategy in these two areas."*

#### His career

A graduate of the Ecole Centrale de Lille, Olivier Horaist began his career at Snecma (Safran Aircraft Engines) in 1982, and became head of the Corbeil plant in 2000. In 2005, he was promoted to director of executive management at Safran, before becoming CEO of the Hispano-Suiza subsidiary (Safran Transmission Systems) in 2007. Among the achievements that marked his career was the creation of Safran Power, the division in charge of driving the group's strategy for "more electric aircraft". In 2013, Olivier Horaist joined the parent company as Deputy Director of European and International Relations for Safran, then took over as Vice President, Industrial Affairs and Procurement, with responsibility for ensuring the industrial success of the Leap program.

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#### **About Mecachrome**

The Mecachrome Group is a High Precision Mechanics world leader. For 80 years, Mecachrome has been a key player in the design, engineering, machining and assembly of high-precision parts and assemblies for the aerospace, automotive, motor sport, defence and energy industries.

Thanks to its industrial expertise and cutting-edge technology, Mecachrome has earned an international reputation as a first-rate integrator for its customers, which include: Airbus, Boeing, Safran, Rolls Royce. Mecachrome has 13 production sites worldwide and employs more than 2,800 people.

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