

Alstom extends its expertise in braking systems with the acquisition of Flertex

April 02, 2021 – Alstom is continuing to implement its *Alstom in Motion* strategic plan with the acquisition of Flertex, a group specialised in the design and manufacture of brake linings (pads and shoes) for braking systems, particularly for the rail industry but also for other industrial applications.

This acquisition, which comes a few months after that of IBRE, a company specialised in the development, manufacture and supply of cast-iron or steel brake discs, enhances and strengthens Alstom's expertise in braking systems, which represent a key element in the overall technical performance of trains. The acquisition also represents a promising development opportunity for Flertex and its employees.

"We are pleased with this acquisition which, after IBRE, enhances our solutions and skills in the field of braking to meet our own needs as well as those of our customers," says Jean-Baptiste Eyméoud, President of Alstom France.

Flertex is a group of international scope with approximately 120 employees, mainly at its sites in Gennevilliers (in the region of Île-de-France) and Saint-Florentin (in the region of Bourgogne-Franche-Comté), with a turnover of around 16 million euros in 2020. More than 50% of its turnover comes from the rail industry, mainly in France and Europe but also in Latin America. For more than 60 years, Flertex has focused strongly on innovation to develop ever more efficient materials: increased braking performance, noise reduction and reduced emissions of fine particles into the atmosphere.

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