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Merger of Agueris and John Cockerill Defense France on 1 January 2023

This merger confirms the ambition of John Cockerill Defense France to be a recognized player in the service of the French and Belgian Land Forces, especially on the SCORPION-CaMo program, by strengthening its commitment within the French Defence Industrial and Technological Base.

This operation also aims to strengthen the position of John Cockerill Defense in the new generation simulators programs necessary in particular for the training of the Forces on the new materials of the SCORPION Program.

This evolution allows to develop synergies between these two entities of the John Cockerill group, and to further structure this key sector of interest in the offer of John Cockerill Defense by taking into account the complementarity of the activities of production, commissioning of weapon systems, and the strategic importance of the training simulators Agueris.

John Cockerill Defense France now includes all the following sites and activities:

- In Distroff and Guénange: Design, manufacture and assembly of weapon and simulation systems
- In Commercy: Training of our user customers for the commissioning of equipment, its use and maintenance in operational condition
- In Vélizy: Design, development, integration and support of Agueris training simulators.

About John Cockerill Defense:

Member of the bicentennial John Cockerill Group, John Cockerill Defense is the technological leader in multifunctional, high-effect turrets in the 25-120mm range for light and medium weight armoured vehicles. John Cockerill Defense develops and integrates complete and innovative solutions: design, production, integration and upgrade of weapons systems, operational and tactical training, Agueris® simulation systems (virtual immersive, mobile, embedded and inter-connectable), through-life support and innovative functionalities. Marketed under the Cockerill® brand, John Cockerill Defense weapons systems combine superior firepower and lightweight for high mobility armored vehicles, guaranteeing performance and protection. www.johncockerill.com/defense

John Cockerill, Catalyst for Opportunity

Driven since 1817 by its founder's entrepreneurial spirit and thirst for innovation, John Cockerill Group develops broad-scale technological solutions to meet the needs of its time: the preservation of natural resources, making a contribution to greener mobility, producing in a sustainable manner, combating insecurity and facilitating access to renewable energy. Its offering to businesses, states and communities is exemplified in services and associated equipment for the energy, defense, industry, environment, transportation and infrastructure sectors.

With more than 5,700 employees, John Cockerill achieved sales of €1 billion in 23 countries on five continents in 2021.

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