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Exail announces appointment of new CEO for its Aerospace & Land Business Area

Toulouse (France) – 03/07/2023 – Exail, a leading high-tech industrial group specializing in cutting-edge robotics, maritime, navigation, aerospace and photonics technologies, announces the appointment of Jérôme Bendell as new CEO of its Aerospace & Land Business Area, succeeding Gilbert Rosso. This appointment is effective from July 1st, 2023.

Jérôme Bendell leverages 30 years of operational and management experience in the aerospace, defense and high-tech sectors. He was previously an executive within Thales, where his roles included Vice President Northern Asia and CEO China between 2019 and 2022, Vice President for strategic projects in Saudi Arabia between 2017 and 2019, and CEO of Thales Raytheon Systems SAS from 2013 to 2017. He was also Vice President Strategy, Defense and Security at Alcatel-Lucent between 2003 and 2009, and Director of Marketing and Sales at Alcatel Space. He began his career at the French Ministry of Armed Forces, where he held positions as technical expert and program director, mainly in the naval and aeronautical sectors. He is a graduate of the Ecole Polytechnique and the Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Aéronautique et de l'Espace, and was an auditor at the 71st session of the IHEDN (Institute of Advanced Studies in National Defence).

"I'm proud to be joining Exail, a French technological and industrial leader, which technologies are at the heart of European sovereignty and security issues," states Jérôme Bendell. "I would like to thank Gilbert Rosso for his long-lasting commitment to the company and the strong legacy he is leaving. I look forward to supporting the Exail's development, and in particular in the fast-growing aeronautics and land robotics markets, which are undergoing major transformations that require the agility and innovation that are typical of Exail's DNA!"

About Exail

Exail is a leading high-tech industrial group specializing in cutting-edge robotics, maritime, navigation, aerospace and photonics technologies. With a strong entrepreneurial culture, Exail delivers unrivaled performance, reliability and safety to its civil and defense clients operating in severe environments. From the deep sea to outer space, Exail expands their capabilities with a full range of robust in-house manufactured components, products and systems.

Employing a workforce of 1500 people worldwide, the company benefits from a global footprint and conducts its business in over 80 countries.

Exail was formed by ECA Group and iXblue joining forces in 2022. It is a subsidiary of Exail Technologies, a family-owned company specialized in high-technology.

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