



Acrotec Group

Press release

Horlyne joins the Acrotec Group

Renowned for its expertise in high-end oscillating weight design, Horlyne joins the Acrotec Group to strengthen its watchmaking division's network of expertise.

Develier, May 9th, 2022 – From its headquarters in La Chaux-de-Fonds, Horlyne has grown and developed to become a recognised leader in high-end oscillating weight manufacturing by mastering the entire production chain. Three precious watchmaking skills have made this mastery possible: engine-turning, gem-setting and engraving.

This exceptional expertise attracted the directors of the Acrotec Group, who were pleased that Horlyne's management wanted to adopt Acrotec's business federation model. "When the problem of my succession arose," explains Raymond Leitenberg, director of Horlyne, "it seemed logical and natural to contact Acrotec, whose values are closely aligned with ours. It guarantees continuity, synergies and development, which is very important for Horlyne."

An important thing that Horlyne and the Acrotec Group have in common is that they often work for the same watchmaking clients: prestigious brands that have trusted the companies of the Jura-based group and the Neuchâtel-based company for a long time. "This acquisition is a blend of reason and passion," says François Billig, CEO of the Acrotec Group. "Horlyne brings us a know-how that perfectly complements our expertise in oscillating weights. Their high-end treatment of this specific watchmaking component is a market reference. I'm very happy that the Horlyne team is joining our watchmaking family. It has a rightful place alongside its peers."

The incorporation of Horlyne into the Acrotec Group was finalised and signed on May 4th.

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About Horlyne: Horlyne was founded in 1978 by an engraver and setter who wanted to meet the increasing demands of the jewelry industry. The company has since continued to diversify by developing its products according to market demand. This long road has led Horlyne to its specialisation: the manufacture of high-end oscillating weights in precious metals. These components are manufactured using in-house expertise and equipment, which ranges from the engine-turning machine, which is more than a century old, to the latest-generation Femto laser. A team of 35 skilled employees, trained to meet

high-quality standards, is at your service. Production ranges from single parts to batches of several thousand parts. www.horlyne.ch

About the Acrotec Group: Acrotec is an independent group created by micromechanics professionals. Its main objective is to be a reference subcontractor, offering a wide range of manufacturing processes for precision components. Its strategy is to provide "Swiss-made" quality products to the entire watch and jewelry industry, the medical industry, as well as to the automotive, electronics and aeronautical sectors. Acrotec is distinguished by its extensive expertise, cooperatively, **in precision machining** (CNC turning, CNC multi-spindle turning, cam turning, 3 & 5-axis milling, micro-turning, transfer and machining of precious metals), by **supporting processes** (surface treatment, cutting, assembly, heat treatment, finishing and laser engraving) and by **specific processes** (UV-Liga component production, wire erosion/sinking, synthetic stone machining, rolling, spring forming, machine and tool production and silicon engraving - DRIE). The Group currently employs over 2,000 people. www.acrotec.ch/en