

FDS Group, Eurazeo PME's subsidiary, acquires Custom Rubber Products in Houston, Texas, and crosses the 200 million euro barrier in sales

With this second acquisition in North America in less than 12 months, FDS Group has become a global leader in static sealing technology across all segments of the energy industry.

Paris, 10 January 2013 – After the purchase of the Canadian manufacturer AGS Inc. in January 2012, FDS Group is building further on its expansive growth since 2006, announcing the acquisition of Custom Rubber Products, the American manufacturer of elastomer, phenolics, and thermoset plastic products for upstream and midstream oilfield and industrial markets. Custom Rubber Products generates more than 50 million dollars in sales.

Founded in 1961 and based in Houston, Texas, Custom Rubber Products incorporates more than 250 active elastomer and phenolic compounds for a broad spectrum of products and environments, with support for compression, transfer and injection molding.

“Adding Custom Rubber Products to our portfolio immediately positions FDS as the global leader in static sealing technology across all segments of the energy industry: upstream, midstream, downstream and power generation,” said Rémi Toledano, President and CEO of FDS Group. *“Its innovative approach to designing and producing highly-specialized solutions, with an uncompromising eye toward reliability and safety, is an ideal fit with other FDS Group companies who operate with the same customer-centric values.”*

“We were impressed by Custom Rubber Products’ ability to meet customer demand through its research and development activities,” noted Jerry Lastovica, FDS Americas President and CEO. *“With FDS’ global distribution and manufacturing network, Custom Rubber will be able to address the local country requirements of its international customers”.*

FDS Group’s global network also includes Flexitallic, SIEM, Novus, Induseal and Sealex, with manufacturing operations in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, U.K., France, Germany, Middle-East and China plus licensed production partners worldwide.

Olivier Millet, Chairman of the Executive Board of Eurazeo PME commented: *“this new US deal illustrates the continuity of Eurazeo’s strategy, which consists in providing long-term guidance to its portfolio companies in their development and acquisition projects, particularly internationally. Alongside this acquisition, we are making our fourth follow-up equity investment in six years, which will help FDS adjust its balance sheet to its growth. Since Eurazeo PME became a majority shareholder in 2006, FDS Group has increased its sales 10-fold, from €18m to more than €200m. This is its sixth acquisition. Thanks to the high-quality work of Rémi Toledano and his entire management team, FDS Group has demonstrated its ability to grow, to make international acquisitions, and to rapidly absorb those acquisitions. With this latest transformational acquisition, FDS has now given itself even more paths to global growth.”*

> ABOUT FDS GROUP

FDS Group is a global leader in specialized sealing solutions and products serving the oil and gas, power generation, chemical and petrochemical industries in emerging and developed markets. Its operating companies include Flexitallic, AGS Flexitallic, SIEM, Novus, Induseal, Sealex and Custom Rubber Products. With this acquisition, the group now has 1,200 employees and sales of more than 200 million euros.

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Eurazeo PME acts as a long-term shareholder, providing its portfolio companies with all the financial, human and organizational resources they need for a durable transformation. With an investment horizon generally ranging from 5 to 10 years, it guides its portfolio companies in creating sustained and, hence, responsible growth. This commitment is formalized and deployed through a CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) policy.

Eurazeo PME is a shareholder in seven soundly positioned companies strengthened with experienced management teams: Dessange International, Léon de Bruxelles, FDS Group, Gault & Frémont, IMV Technologies, Fondis Bioritech and BFR Group.

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