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Naxicap Partners replaces Bridgepoint as shareholder of Moria

Naxicap Partners, subsidiary of Natixis Investment Managers, becomes the new majority shareholder of Moria after the exit of Bridgepoint Development Capital and plans a new phase of development for the Group alongside with the managers led by Bruno Chermette.

Founded in 1820 in Bourbon-l'Archambault (Allier, France), Moria is a global leader in the manufacturing and distribution of high precision instruments and consumables for ophthalmic surgery. Moria addresses every ophthalmic surgery procedures (refractive, corneal, cataract and retinal) with more than 1 200 references bringing a comprehensive and innovative offer to its clients.

Driven by Bruno Chermette and its team since 2016, the group succeeded in repositioning Moria brand on its historical cataract market through the launch of the new One Metal products in 2018 and in increasing its market share on the corneal segment through the launch of DMEK products in 2019. Moria also intends to keep on growing on the retinal market with the launch of a new product range in 2021.

Moria has direct subsidiaries in the United-States, Japan and China, and benefits from a global network of 120 distributors and wholesalers. The Group carries out 80% of its activity internationally (25% in the USA and 15% in Asia) and aims to continue its development and to bring its products to ophthalmic surgery players worldwide.

In a dynamic environment (3% to 5% long-term growth depending on submarkets) conducive to consolidation, the managers intend to initiate an active policy of acquisitions in order to extend Moria's expertise on new markets and to deepen its existing offer. The managers also intend to lead an ambitious innovation plan to secure Moria's leading position on the ophthalmic surgery instrument market.

Backed by Bridgepoint Development Capital since 2011, the management team chose Naxicap Partners for their next phase of growth. An unirate financing from LGT Capital completes the transaction.

"The evolution of Moria thanks to Bruno Chermette since 2016 delights us. We have no doubt that the strategic growth plan will continue to pay off, and we are pleased to hand the group over to Naxicap Partners who will support its next phase of development", commented Bertrand Demesse, Partner, Bridgepoint Development Capital.



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“The managers are highly motivated by this change which comes up when Moria has largely begun its commercial and industrial transformation. With Naxicap Partners, we will continue to target operational excellence, pursue and strengthen our organic growth and we will open a new phase of external growth which will consolidate our position and bring us new market opportunities,” commented Bruno Chermette, Chairman of Moria.

“We have been impressed by the work made by Bruno Chermette and its team to galvanise Moria and to replace its brand as a central player for ophthalmologist surgeons. Naxicap Partners will stand with the Group to set up its strategic plan based on external growth, innovation, and commercial and operational performance,” commented Angèle Faugier, Managing Director, Naxicap Partners.

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About Naxicap Partners:

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1 Cerulli Quantitative Update: Global Markets 2019 ranked Natixis Investment Managers as the 17th largest asset manager in the world based on assets under management as of December 31, 2018.

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About Bridgepoint Development Capital:

In France, Bridgepoint's SMid-Cap business includes Bridgepoint Development Capital (BDC) with a portfolio comprising 5 companies: Anaveo (2016), 5àsec (2017), CIR (2017), PSS (2018) and Bee2link (2019), and Bridgepoint Portfolio Services, which took over EdRCP in 2014 and now includes the two portfolio companies Sotralu and Beaba.

Bridgepoint Development Capital (BDC) is specialized in transactions valued between €30m and €200m, with around €700m raised in 2016 through its BDC III fund and over €1.5bn under management.

Backed by a team of 25 professionals in Europe (including 10 in Paris), Bridgepoint Development Capital (BDC) is today one of the few investors in the SMid-Cap sector capable of supporting mid-caps in their international development thanks to the backing of the nine Bridgepoint investment offices and its operational teams based in New York and Shanghai.

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