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## YOHANN PERROT, APPOINTED INNOVATION DIRECTOR OF THE BONTAZ GROUP

**Yohann Perrot has been appointed Innovation Director within the Bontaz Group, a global automotive supplier. With this appointment and creation of this division, the Bontaz Group intends to affirm strongly its commitment to the challenges of electromobility and new energies in the automotive sector by developing innovative and sustainable solutions to build the mobility of tomorrow.**

Dr Yohann Perrot (43), a graduate of INSA Rouen and the IFP School in Rueil Malmaison, has worked on the Vulcain 2 cryogenic engine in the aeronautics industry (2001/2006) and has acquired extensive experience in the automotive sector, mainly with Tier 1 manufacturer Faurecia (2006/2011). There, he was successively an Expert in emissions control, a Global Manager for Simulation and Projects and then an Innovation Program Manager.



Then, he moved to Busch Clean Air (2011/2021), a Swiss company dedicated to overpressure technology for exhaust gas after treatment. He continued his career as Director of Innovation, R&D and Industrialization and then Director of Business Development & Product. For eight years, he has been developing fuel cell business via hydrogen recirculation blowers. Since September 1, 2021, he is Innovation Director of the Bontaz Group, based in Marnaz (French Alps, France).

*'By joining the Bontaz Group, I intend to provide my expertise in the field of new energies, and specifically hydrogen, but also to support the Group in its future strategy... I have built my entire career in the field of innovation. So, the challenge of creating a specific unit within this great company is motivating. Indeed, the Group's know-how and culture will support the first to market strategy through new, even disruptive, developments of products, processes and services. Finally, I would like to bring an additional business line into the Group, focusing on fuel cells topics.'*

The Bontaz Group is a leading equipment manufacturer and is currently facing with changes in the car industry, due to the challenges of the ecological and energy transition. Its mission is to support manufacturers worldwide by developing innovative solutions to meet the new challenges of mobility, such as the electric one.

As Daniel Anghelone, CEO of the Bontaz Group points out:

*'The creation of this Innovation Department is a key success factor for the future. Yohann Perrot's mission will be to define a strategic roadmap for the creation and development of this Innovation division which is expected to grow rapidly in terms of staff. He will draw on his technical expertise and knowledge of the market to meet this challenge. Innovation is a core value along the Bontaz Group's history, which already has more than 50 engineers in the R&D department. This innovation team will therefore have to support the R&D department in its projects but also develop projects outside the Group, primarily in the automotive sector, as well as in new businesses such as electric assisted bicycles and fuel cells.'*

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Created in 1965 in Haute-Savoie, in the Arve Valley, Bontaz is the world leader in automotive hydraulic functions. The group has 4,000 employees in 24 factories in 11 countries around the world. The group produces nearly 14 millions solenoids and 180 millions mechanical valves for major automotive brands each year. Supplier to the world's main car manufacturers, the products developed by the group are present in nearly one in two cars around the world.