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***Murata***

**INNOVATOR IN ELECTRONICS**

ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS

Murata is strengthening its production capacity for 200-millimeter silicon capacitors by creating a new mass production line within its subsidiary Murata Integrated Passive Solutions, which is based in Caen, Normandie, and employs 200 people. Silicon capacitors manufactured by Murata at this plant are used in connection with medical devices, telecommunications equipment and mobile phones. This expansion project consists of an investment of around €60 million and the creation of around a hundred jobs by 2025.



ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONIC/IT EQUIPMENT

Iris Ohyama has set up a new production line in the Paris/Ile de France region to manufacture fans intended for the European market, which were previously produced in China. "Made in France" fans are already widely available in the main stores specializing in household appliances and on online sales sites.

The investment amounts to €500,000, which brings the business's total investment in France to €80 million, with the creation of more than 150 jobs.

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**'TORAY'**

**Innovation by Chemistry**

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Toray Industries, Inc. recently announced that it has decided to expand French subsidiary Toray Carbon Fibers Europe S.A.'s manufacturing facilities for medium- and high-modulus carbon fibers. This move will increase annual capacity at the Abidos plant (Nouvelle Aquitaine region) from 5,000 to 6,000 metric tonnes annually. Production is expected to start in 2025.

Demand for medium- and high-modulus carbon fibers is rising in Europe, driven by a push to move towards a net-zero society. This growth is mainly due to higher build rates for commercial aircraft (secondary structures and engines), as well as for energy generation, satellites and high-end automobiles. By boosting carbon fiber production capacity in Europe, Toray is responding to its customers' demand for medium and high-modulus carbon fibers, as befits the market leader.

Toray has made sustainable growth pivotal to "Project AP-G 2025", its medium-term management program. As such, the business has developed solutions to tackle climate change with its carbon fiber composite materials. Toray will make full use of its resources to help achieve a carbon-neutral economy by 2050, in line with its corporate philosophy of contributing to society by creating new value. This project should generate around thirty jobs.

**Astroscale**

AEROSPACE, NAVAL AND RAILWAY EQUIPMENT

Founded in 2013, the Japanese firm develops innovative and scalable solutions in the field of in-orbit services, to create sustainable space environments. In June 2023, Astroscale announced the creation of Astroscale France, as well as a partnership with the Centre National d'Études Spatiales (CNES). This involves, among other things, research aimed at eliminating French space debris, with CNES set to provide funding for this research. The firm has moved into its new offices in the center of Toulouse (Occitanie region), which had four employees last January. It is now in the process of opening a technical center, including satellite assembly, integration and testing infrastructures, which will ultimately result in 20 people being hired by the end of 2024.



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