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## Socomec wins The "Family-owned and Sole Proprietor Companies Award"

Ivan Steyert recently received the "Family-owned and Sole Proprietor Companies Award" from the hands of Erik Orsenna of the French Academy, during an official ceremony held last 30<sup>th</sup> March in the Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry, with Christine Lagarde, Minister for Economy, Finance and Industry as guest of honour.

The Family-owned and Sole Proprietor Companies Award was created in 2001 by ASMEP-ETI (the association of medium-sized and family-owned businesses), and is awarded in recognition of companies that stand out by creating the conditions for sustainable growth.

The award-winning company must also demonstrate significant economic success, as well as commitments and concrete actions in the fields of social and environmental responsibility.

40 cases were retained from over 100 applications among the 4,600 French family businesses, and analysed by a jury headed by Mr Yvon Gattaz, former "bosses' boss" and current chairman of the ASMEP-ETI.

Socomec was chosen by a unanimous jury decision and is the sole winner of this year's Grand Prix.

Our company therefore joins the pantheon of other prestigious companies such as SEB, JCDecaux, Bonduelle, Ligne Roset or BEL who have also won the prize over the past nine years.

The prize recognizes the priority given by Socomec to innovation, control over its international growth and its approach to responsible economic development, as actively stimulated by Ivan Steyert since becoming Chairman of the Socomec Group in April 2010 and CEO in January 2011.

### The SOCOMEC Group - an overview:

SOCOMEK is an independent industrial group, specialising in the availability, control and safety of low voltage electrical energy for industry and the service sector.

Founded in 1922, the company bases its development on two complementary industrial divisions:

- Solutions for Control & Power:  
*switches, fuse switches, changeover switches, cutout switches, electronic monitoring and protection, enclosures, cabinets, etc.*
- Uninterruptible Power Supply Systems:  
*inverters, load transfer modules, rectifier/chargers, harmonic compensators, 400 Hz converters, etc.*

SOCOMEK is a leader and specialist in its markets.

With 2800 personnel in 21 subsidiaries worldwide, SOCOMEC has complete control over the design, production and marketing of its products.

Nine industrial sites (4 in France, 1 in Italy, 1 in Tunisia, 1 in India, 2 in China) operate using the Group's primary areas of technological expertise, guaranteeing consistent quality of production and adherence to deadlines.

In 2010, the SOCOMEC Group achieved a turnover of 382 million euros;

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