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Lamberet's governance evolves to support the second phase of the Group's performance plan.

Lamberet, one of the European leaders in refrigerated vehicle bodywork, announces today the conclusion of a post-crisis consolidation phase (pandemic, inflation, shortages) and the launch of a new strategic stage. Former CEO Mr. Cyril Abegg is stepping down. The Group extends its gratitude for his nearly four years of service, marked by the implementation of an ambitious transformation plan in support of the ecological transition and the decarbonization of temperature-controlled transport.

As of July 7, a new CEO, Mr. Stefano Chmielewski, takes the helm of the Group to lead a performance plan aiming to elevate Lamberet to new standards of industrial and commercial excellence.

Thanks to the resilience of its management team and the support of shareholder AVIC, Lamberet has initiated a trajectory of profitable growth since 2023, despite external disruptions. This improved financial position provides a solid foundation for launching the second phase of the Group's performance plan.

Under Mr. Stefano Chmielewski's leadership, the Group will focus on three key priorities :

- Industrial excellence & cost control: enhancing production processes, securing the supply chain, and optimizing purchasing in line with the highest standards.
- Product innovation and development: advancing Lamberet's innovation to the next level, with ever more efficient, sustainable, and competitive bodywork solutions.
- Customer satisfaction & partnerships: placing customer needs at the core of all actions, with ambitious targets in terms of quality, lead times, and service.

With more than 25 years of experience in the industry, Mr. Stefano Chmielewski has stood out in several leading European groups for his ability to transform complex organizations, boost operational performance, and establish cultures of excellence. His career has included the successful management of transformation programs in the automotive, industrial equipment, and logistics sectors. Renowned for his rigor, hands-on approach, and strategic insight, he embodies a clear and pragmatic leadership style focused on results and team empowerment.

His appointment marks the beginning of a new phase of consolidation. The ambition is clear: to give fresh momentum to Lamberet and its subsidiaries, both in domestic and international European markets.

In this spirit, the Supervisory Board and the Executive Committee reaffirm their trust in all of the Group's partners: clients, OEMs, suppliers, and institutions. They thank them for their loyalty and reiterate their commitment to building a long-term, demanding relationship in service of an ambitious European industrial project.

The year 2025 will be a milestone in this journey. On the occasion of the Group's 90th anniversary, Lamberet will host its stakeholders for an exceptional open day event on September 27, 2025, at its site in Saint-Cyr-sur-Menthon. This special moment will be the opportunity to preview the strategic roadmap that will guide the coming years.

«It is an honor for me to join Lamberet at this pivotal time in its history. I warmly invite our customers, employees, industrial and institutional partners to save the date of September 27, when we will gather to celebrate the Group's 90th anniversary and share our vision for the future.» —

Mr. Stefano Chmielewski, Chief Executive Officer of Lamberet

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Lamberet : learn more

Lamberet, a key player in corporate social responsibility

Lamberet is firmly committed to a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) approach, structured around five pillars: governance, environment, social, societal, and economic. The Group aims to achieve carbon neutrality by 2040, with concrete actions such as installing photovoltaic panels on its sites and reusing refrigerated body components to construct eco-friendly modular buildings.

Moreover, the Group conducts a carbon footprint assessment that includes the indirect impact of its activities, particularly its supply chain. On the social front, Lamberet strongly promotes inclusion and diversity while ensuring optimal working conditions for its 1,200 employees across Europe. The Group is also committed to fostering partnerships with local suppliers to enhance its societal impact.

Key figures – Lamberet Group

- 1st French refrigerated bodybuilder
- 10% market share in Europe across all segments
- 2024 revenue: €237 million.
- 2024 production: 7,000 bodies, including 3,900 industrial vehicles and 3,100 refrigerated vans
- 1,200 employees, including 1,100 in France

About Lamberet – A key player in the cold chain

Lamberet is a major European player in the refrigerated body sector, recognized for its technological innovations and industrial know-how. The Group offers a comprehensive range of solutions for temperature-controlled transport, covering light commercial vehicles, rigid trucks, and semi-trailers.

Thanks to a long-term investment plan, Lamberet continues to innovate while meeting environmental challenges. A member of the international industrial group AVIC, the company has strengthened its development with the launch of a cutting-edge factory in Saint-Eusèbe, dedicated to the production of light commercial vehicles. Lamberet is the only company to design and manufacture all four types of refrigerated bodywork: integrated insulation for vans, boxes for chassis-cabs and platform-cabs, rigid trucks, and semi-trailers. The Group also develops innovative refrigeration units for LCVs through its subsidiary, Kerstner.

Lamberet stands out with a distribution network in 40 countries, with 50% of its production exported — ensuring a strong international presence.

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