

ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURING

CNIM breaks ground on a new 2,500 sqm building at its industrial site in La Seyne-sur-Mer

The new building will supplement the existing facilities at CNIM's industrial plant, which manufactures large, precision-engineered components for customers in the semiconductors, large scientific instruments, nuclear and aerospace industries.

CNIM, a French global industrial equipment manufacturer and supplier, has laid the foundation stone of a new 2,500 sqm building at its industrial site in La-Seyne-sur-Mer in southern France. Construction work is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

This building will feature a **1,500 sqm ISO8 clean workshop** and a **1,000 sqm ISO6-rated clean room**, enabling **assembly operations, molecular and particulate decontamination** and subsequent **qualification** testing for **large components** measuring up to 6 x 3 x 2 m. **Three-dimensional inspections of large components will in future be performed onsite**, in a dedicated inspection area equipped with a high-precision Zeiss machine that supplements the existing facilities (four laser trackers and two medium-sized 3D inspection machines).

CNIM already has a 200 sqm ISO 6/7 clean room, used for final assembly of components for the Megajoule Laser project.

"Over the years, CNIM has regularly upgraded its industrial facilities so that we can provide customers with fully integrated solutions for their projects, covering everything from design, industrialization, manufacturing and qualification activities to assembly in clean rooms or on site" explains Philippe Lazare, Chief Executive of the Industrial Systems Division.

ADAPTING OUR PRODUCTION FACILITIES TO TACKLE THE CHALLENGES OF CUTTING-EDGE INDUSTRIES

The last industrial building erected at the Seyne-sur-Mer site, in 2014, was built for the ITER project's radial plates contract. Some 3,000 sqm of workshop facilities were built to house two machining centres (a milling machine and a boring machine) designed to handle these outsized components, each measuring 13 m in length. Upon completion of the contract, one of these machines, equipped with a double gantry crane, possessed the necessary flexibility to independently machine smaller workpieces, as and when required for subsequent orders. In 2018, a CNC vertical lathe equipped with a 115-tool robotic magazine was brought in, boosting the fleet of machines assigned to production of components for the aerospace industry. Two high-speed machining centres were subsequently installed, in late 2019, to perform final machining on machine frames destined for the semiconductor industry under the terms of a contract with one of the global market leaders. The rough machine frames are also manufactured at the CNIM plant.

The Group is launching a recruitment campaign to support these new infrastructures: CNIM is **actively seeking process planning engineers** and **qualified machine operators** for our customers. *"Going forward, we will be promoting mentoring as a way to boost training and skill transfers in these trades subject to staff shortages"* notes Philippe Lazare.



The new building is designed by Kardham Huet, a Marseille-based firm of architects, and will be built by Exyte, a specialist contractor headquartered in Aix-en-Provence.

About CNIM

Founded in 1856, CNIM is a French equipment manufacturer and industrial contractor operating on a worldwide basis. The Group provides its products and services to major public and private sector organizations, local authorities and national governments in Environment, Energy, Defense, and High Technology markets. Technological innovation is at the core of equipment and services designed and manufactured by the Group. They contribute to produce cleaner and more competitive energy, to limit environmental impacts of industrial activities, to secure sensitive facilities and infrastructures, and to protect individuals and nation states. CNIM is listed on the Euronext exchange in Paris. It relies on a stable family-based majority shareholding structure committed to its development. The Group employs 2,613 people and had revenues of €689.8 million in 2017, 62.1% of which was from exports. <https://cnim.com/en>

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