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## EURAZEO FINALISES THE ACQUISITION OF UTAC CERAM, ALONGSIDE THE FCDE

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Eurazeo, through its Eurazeo PME subsidiary, announces that it has acquired the group UTAC CERAM. Eurazeo PME is investing 80 million euros to take control of the majority of the share capital, alongside the current shareholders (FCDE, CCFA, senior staff and top executives of the Group). The common ambition of Eurazeo PME, the FCDE and the management team led by Laurent Benoit is to accelerate the company's growth worldwide and notably in Europe, and to support the Group's digital development.

UTAC CERAM is the partner of choice for the world's automotive and mobility industry players, thanks to its vast array of expertise and business lines: development and validation testing for environmental factors, homologation and regulatory compliance, training, consulting, audit and certification, technical inspection, normalization, and the organization of events.

As part of the acquisition of UTAC CERAM, whose commitment on mobility and greenhouse gas emission reduction challenges is recognized, Eurazeo PME has negotiated with the lender, Barings, the first ESG unitranche. Backed by 5 ESG criteria, the margin will be reviewed annually dependent on the achievement of those objectives. This innovation in acquisition financing marks a strong common will shared by Eurazeo, Barings and UTAC CERAM and its management to invest in a responsible economy through the development of new sustainable financial products.

The Eurazeo China Acceleration Fund (ECAAF) stands alongside Eurazeo PME in this operation, to accompany the strong development potential of UTAC CERAM on the Chinese market.

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