

STERIMA BECOMES PART OF POLLET MEDICAL GROUP

BISSEGEM – Sterima, a provider of sterilisation services for hospitals & medical companies, has been acquired by Pollet Group. Pollet Group, mainly known for its water treatment activities under Pollet Water Group, is already active in the medical industry. With the takeover of Sterima, Pollet strategically reinforces and expands its presence in this branch. All its medical activities are now bundled in the Pollet Medical Group.

Malysse-Sterima is a family-owned company active in Belgium & the Netherlands. With over 50 years of experience, the group is a market leader in servicing the health care sector. Malysse-Textile Services specialises in textile management for health care. Sterima provides sterilization services for hospitals & medical companies in the BENELUX. Today, the family Malysse owns the complete group Malysse-Sterima. Pollet only takes over Sterima and its branches in Bissegem & Liège.

Over the past few years, Sterima went through an important transition. The company evolved from a product to a service provider. By offering sterilisation of reusable surgical instruments, Sterima became a pioneer in the outsourcing of sterilisation services. The steady growth and expansion of Sterima led to a new ultramodern site in Liege (Bierset). The opening of this second branch enabled an important capacity growth and enhanced the visibility of the company in the southern part of Belgium. Those factors contributed to a number of significant growth opportunities for Sterima. To allow the company to expand further, the stakeholders decided to look for a strategic partner. They found that partner in the family Pollet.

Pollet Group, the group around Jacques Pollet, brings all its medical activities together under the Pollet Medical Group following the takeover of Sterima. CEO Sofie Pollet: “Sterima is a strong addition to our group that fits perfectly in our corporate philosophy. Like the Malysse family, we have a long tradition of international entrepreneurship with local roots. Differentiating & expanding new activities have always been part of our DNA. This has already proven successful in the past. For instance, 15 years ago, we founded Pollet Pool Group as a spin-off from our water treatment activities. The Pollet Pool Group, which includes both distribution points and manufacturers, targets the professional pool builder. Currently Pollet Water Group has a medical cell with 2 German companies (DWA & Herco) that are active worldwide in water treatment for dialysis. We also invested in NephroFlow, a company from the imec.start program that develops software for digital process optimization within dialysis centres. The acquisition of Sterima is for Pollet Group the starting point to further develop a solid medical division. We are convinced that the Sterima team will bring a lot of added value thanks to their knowledge & rich history in this industry.

Danny De Roeck, CEO of Sterima: “We are pleased to announce this acquisition. Sterima will be part of a family business with bright prospects. This will also extend our capacity on an international level. Sterima will have a leading role in the medical activities of the Pollet Group.” Sterima is owned 100% by the Pollet family. The family Malysse remains the sole shareholder of Malysse (Textile & Logistics). Both companies will pursue an independent course.

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