

PRESS RELEASE

Plastics: Basque industrial SME SOMOCAP invests €6 million in a new plant to double its production capacity

Villefranche (Pyrénées-Atlantiques), Wednesday, 19 November 2025 – During French Industry Week and at MEDEF's REF Industrie event, Basque industrial SME SOMOCAP, a specialist in the manufacture of plastic, rubber and composite parts, announces the commissioning of its new plant in Villefranche (Pyrénées-Atlantiques). This strategic €6 million investment will enable the company—co-led by five family shareholders—to enter a new phase of growth by doubling its industrial capacity while significantly reducing its environmental impact. SOMOCAP supplies high value-added technical parts for aerospace, defense, rail, energy, space, connectivity and medical applications, and is one of the few French SMEs to master, within the same organization, both plastic injection molding and rubber injection molding processes.

A new industrial organization strengthening multi-material synergies (rubbers and plastics)

With the opening of the Villefranche site, SOMOCAP is strengthening its industrial organization: the historic Jatxou site is now dedicated to rubber and composite activities, while plastic production is concentrated in this new 2,500 m² plant. This structure will support overall business growth (+30% over the past five years), accelerate the development of medium-size production runs, and improve industrial flexibility. SOMOCAP also plans to create 20 jobs by 2030 to support the ramp-up in production.

Investments related to this new industrial tool were mainly carried out with local partners in order to promote short supply chains. To date, 92% of SOMOCAP's suppliers are based in France, whether for raw materials, tooling, industrial machines, packaging, IT services or maintenance. The company thus reaffirms its commitment to a local industrial economy—value-creating and resilient.

A plant designed to combine industrial performance, energy efficiency and quality of life at work

Designed as a lean and modern facility, SOMOCAP chose a wood-concrete structure that increases the building's thermal inertia, reduces heat loss and naturally improves thermal and acoustic comfort. Natural light, architectural quality and interior layouts reflect a clear ambition: to build a plant that is pleasant to see and to work in. The facility will also serve as a place for welcoming visitors and hosting exchanges, with a showroom, three meeting rooms and 300 m² of offices enabling customers and partners to discover the company's know-how.

From an energy standpoint, SOMOCAP integrated high-performance equipment from the design stage. A 250 kW photovoltaic installation will cover around 37% of the site's needs, 67% of which will be self-consumed. The free-cooling system divides by four the consumption related to machine cooling. The acquisition of new hydraulic presses also significantly reduces energy use. All systems are supervised by a centralized building management system, enabling fine control of heating, lighting and equipment. Rainwater harvesting, smart LED lighting, energy metering, and ergonomic material-handling devices (overhead cranes, air cushions, mold filters) round out this comprehensive approach.

This announcement comes during French Industry Week, at a time when France has recorded 80 industrial site openings (including SOMOCAP's) since the beginning of 2025, compared with 108 closures over the same period. This structuring investment was made possible thanks to support from the European Union (EU), the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region, the Pyrénées-Atlantiques Department, the Pays Basque Agglomeration Community and the Adour Economic Development & Attractiveness Bureau (BDEA).

ABOUT SOMOCAP

Founded in 1990 and based in the French Basque Country, SOMOCAP is a family-owned French industrial SME specializing in advanced processing technologies for composites, thermoplastics, LSR and elastomers. It designs and manufactures high value-added technical parts for aerospace, space, defense, rail, energy, connectivity and medical sectors.

With two sites in the Basque Country—Jatxou (rubbers) and Villefranque (plastics)—and 35 years of experience, the company has strong technical mastery of multiple materials and the synergies between processes and new generations of materials (high-performance, bio-based, recycled) to deliver innovative solutions to its customers.

Committed to the environmental transition, SOMOCAP is certified ISO 9001 and EN 9100. It also makes 92% of its purchases in France.

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