

BA Robotic Systems Group has continued to grow in 2016

Press Release - Rennes (FR), March 2, 2017 – BA Robotic Systems Group, leading partner in mobile robotics solutions, closes its 2016 financial year with a consolidated turnover of 28 million euros in growth of 15% and announces identical ambitions for 2017.

Innovation, performance commitment and customer support have contributed to a very positive result

The new Group dimension launched in 2016 and the increased ability to support customers in their projects, from the internal flows automation with AGV to the integration of complete solutions, through the development of innovative industrial prototypes addressing the challenges of the Factory of the Future, have allowed to consolidate a growth already well rooted in the Group's DNA.

The main subsidiary of BA Robotic Systems Group, BA Systèmes, the French leader in AGV-based intralogistics systems, has maintained a steady and controlled growth rate of around 15% since the beginning of the decade. In 2016, BA Systèmes gained many AGV automation projects (Banque de France, Lustucru, Candia, Valeo and Bridor) on more global and more complex systems.

As part of its robotics and innovation activity, many demonstrators combining mobile robotics with polyarticulated robotics and vision have been developed over the year, including the ones for PSA (Peugeot Citroën), a mobile robot for parts handling (H2020 collaborative project) and for Airbus Group, a mobile cobot dedicated to assembly operations in the A380 (IRT collaborative project).

The medical activity with BA Healthcare continues to grow. This result is driven by the success of the Discovery IGS distributed by General Electric Healthcare for whom BA Healthcare is the exclusive supplier of the mobile base. And also the conduct of innovative projects such as Robo-K, first autonomous ambulatory device for walking rehabilitation, which ended in 2016, opening up promising prospects for a future industrialization.

The number of employees in the Group was 220 at the end of 2016, compared to 180 at the end of 2015. 20% of the group's workforce is dedicated to research and development activities.

In order to continue to affirm its position in the intralogistics and mobile robotics markets and to display a consistent image, BA Robotic Systems Group launched a new website in mid-January, available at <https://www.basystemes.com>

Enthusiastic and serene 2017 outlooks

Given the favorable market dynamics, the ambition for 2017 will stay on identical growth rates, with the recruitment of nearly 50 new employees.

Jean-Luc Thomé, President of BA Robotic Systems Group, comments: *"I am delighted to announce an increase in turnover in 2016 with a growth rate in line with previous years. Our development is consistent with the objectives that we have set for ourselves. We are reinforcing our position as a reference player in intralogistics solutions with AGV in France and across Europe. And we are developing relationships of partnership with our customers for the development of new robotic solutions to meet their evolving needs in the «Industry of the Future» context. The Group's values, of commitment, professionalism, excellence and continuous innovation, shared by all our employees, as well as our partnerships, are undeniable levers for development allowing us to serenely continue our future growth in France and worldwide."*

About BA Robotic Systems Group

Involved in a permanent innovation process recognized by international awards, BA Robotic Systems Group offers its customers its expertise in mobile robotics and allows them to benefit from the cutting-edge technologies. Innovative applications are implemented by dedicated activities in intralogistics, industrial robotics and medical fields.

Among them, BA Systèmes, French leader in intralogistics systems based on AGV, supports industrial companies in the full automation of their flows. Over 300 sites in Europe are equipped with BA Systèmes' solutions, hence improving the productivity, flexibility and reliability of processes of Nestlé, L'Oréal, Kraft Food or even Heineken.

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