



Press release – Appointment

Jean-Eric Michallet appointed CEO of Minalogic

Grenoble, France – October 1st, 2019 – The Minalogic global digital technology cluster for micro and nanotechnology, software, photonics, content, and user-driven design, announced today the appointment of Jean-Eric Michallet as the cluster's new Chief Executive Officer, effective October 1, 2019. Michallet succeeds Isabelle Guillaume, who had held the position since November 2013.

Prior to joining Minalogic, Michallet spent more than two decades at IBM, both in France and in the United States, where his positions spanned a range of functions within the organization, from R&D and business development to operational management. After his tenure at IBM, Michallet was instrumental in founding an angel investor network in Paris. He then took up a position heading digital technology transfer activities at the University of Lyon, France. He came to Leti (on the CEA campus in Grenoble) in 2013, heading the institute's business development activities and, just prior to coming to Minalogic, its microelectronic components programs.

As an active member of an impressive network of academic researchers and industrial R&D experts in France and around the globe, Michallet has been working with companies for over a decade to help them add value to their products through innovative technologies.

Michallet earned his undergraduate engineering degree in microelectronics from ENSERG, a school of the Grenoble Institute of Technology. He also holds an MBA from Paris Dauphine University, a graduate degree in international management from Paris Dauphine University and the Université du Québec à Montréal, and a certificate in management and sustainability from ESDES business school in Lyon.

"The experience I have gained throughout my career has given me a solid understanding of the many facets of digital technology, from industrial and financial issues through to technology-related concerns and business development," Michallet said. "I feel fortunate to be following in the footsteps of Isabelle Guillaume. Over the past six years under her leadership, Minalogic's organization has become stronger and the cluster has expanded its scope substantially. She obtained some remarkable results and generated many opportunities for further growth. I plan to build on the extensive strategy development work that the cluster's staff and administrators have already completed in the run up to the launch of Phase IV of our strategy. We will roll out initiatives concerning all aspects of digital technology and covering all of the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region. We will focus in particular on integrating more content and user-driven design into our programs. We will also expand our member services to more effectively support our members' growth. Finally, we will play an active role in multi-partner R&D projects at the regional, national, and EU levels, including the MinaSmart Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Digital Innovation Hub. It is now up to me to drive these initiatives, help the cluster navigate this period of rapid growth, and create the conditions for success across all of our strategy pillars. I am incredibly excited to take on this new challenge."

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About Minalogic

The Minalogic global cluster for digital technology is based in France's Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region, one of Europe's leading high-tech hubs. The cluster's mission is to support its members' innovation and growth strategies, including on international markets. Minalogic members develop technologies, products, and services that encompass the entire digital technology value chain. Their expertise in micro and nanoelectronics, photonics, software, content, and user-driven design addresses all industries (aerospace and defense, finance and insurance, smart cities and buildings, energy and the environment, consumer goods, food and farming, the factory of the future, mobility and transportation, healthcare, digital infrastructure, retail, media, and entertainment).

Founded in 2005, Minalogic today counts more than 400 members (including 350 companies). Since its inception, the cluster has certified 586 multi-partner R&D projects that represent a combined total of €2.2 billion in R&D spending, including €881 million in government subsidies. These projects have resulted in 105 new products on the market (or soon to be released).

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