

# French inspection suppliers join forces under Tiama Group



MSC and SGCC have been brought together under the Tiama Group. The move comes after LBO France (a private equity company) and Tiama reached an agreement for the takeover of Verrela by Tiama.

By joining the two companies the Tiama Group has strengthened its position as one of the global leaders in vision-based inspection systems. The move is expected to significantly broaden the research and development potential and range of services for Tiama Group customers.

Edouard Marienbach, President of Tiama's board and Luc Boulant, President of SGCC's board, decided that MSC and SGCC should combine forces in the hollow glass container inspection field to provide more effective

solutions for the glass market, including greater reactivity, a more comprehensive range of products and services and an extensive network with 250 employees.

"Innovation and service are the keystones of our development strategy," says Mr Boulant. "Combining the two groups provides the means to achieve our ambitions."

## Tiama Group

The Tiama Group operates three main sites in France (Lyon, Rennes and now Gennevilliers). It also has subsidiaries in Belgium, Germany, Spain, USA and China and an office in Russia. In 2007 the Group achieved sales of almost €110 million, 85% of which were exports.

The Tiama Group will now operate five business units:

- Hollow glass – MSC, SGCC and Visiglas
- Automotive industry – EDIXIA
- Food and beverage – LUCEO
- Ophthalmic – SGCC
- Service business unit for the Tiama Group.

### MSC Inspection Worldwide

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