



Kolmi Hopen (Medicom Group) acquires WeeSafe, and completes its global offer of short-use protective equipment

Kolmi Hopen, the experienced manufacturer of single use, disposable PPE in Europe for over 50 years, (masks, gloves, caps etc.) based in Maine-et-Loire is pleased to announce the acquisition of WeeSafe, a specialist in protective clothing. This strategic acquisition is part of Kolmi Hopen, (Medicom Group), strategic objective to offer complete head to toe protection to industrial and health professionals throughout Europe. Following the announcement of the opening in 2023 of ManiKHeir, the first French production facility manufacturing nitrile gloves, the ambitious Canadian group, Medicom, with its European head office in Anjou, is pleased that this acquisition continues to strengthen its PPE offering by integrating WeeSafe's cutting-edge expertise and knowledge in protective clothing.

WeeSafe, an SME with cutting-edge expertise in protective clothing

WeeSafe, the SME based in Noisy-le-Grand (93) designs, certify and distribute on European market single use disposable PPE to protect individuals against some of the toughest working environments. (contaminated liquids or dusts) and technical non-woven wiping. WeeSafe, brings to the Kolmi Hopen Group, an offer that consists of 4 ranges of coveralls adapted to different chemical risks, covering 12 large industrial sectors and meeting the needs of more than 70 different professional activities (insulation, maintenance and nautical construction, use of phytosanitary products, petrochemical industry, food industry, water and sanitation, building (wood, painting) etc). With more than 200 active customers, including joint customers of Kolmi Hopen, the SME with more than 20 years of expertise in its field, achieved 5.7 million euros in turnover in 2021, 25% of which was exported (Europe).

A strategic combination to offer a complete protection solution to Kolmi Hopen's customers



Kolmi Hopen, designer of the first single-use mask in Europe, extensive experience in the design and manufacture of protection and risk prevention equipment for professionals in the medical and industrial sectors.

The groups objective is to strengthen its global position in the PPE market by acquiring and integrating new know-how in PPE.

"Like the opening of the ManiKHeir plant, we focused on buying an European SME. In this way, we secure our supplies and we continue to guarantee the quality of our products and their compliance with European standards including UKCA marking, particularly strict when it comes to protection and risk prevention. In addition, WeeSafe is in the process of adopting the EcoVadis standard, in line with the CSR approach of Kolmi Hopen, EcoVadis silver medallist from his first participation", says Gérald Heuliez, CEO by Kolmi Hopen and President of Medicom



Thierry Guyot (WeeSafe), Pierre-Alexandre Lelaure (Kolmi Hopen Groupe Medicom), David Clautour (Weesafe), Guillaume Gérard (Weesafe) et Gérald Heuliez (Kolmi Hopen et Medicom)

A synergy of skills at the service of the conquest of the industrial market.

"This strategic merger makes all the more sense as there is a real synergy of values between the two companies, which have been working side by side for more than 10 years. We share the same requirement for the technicality and quality of our products to allow our users to wear them with confidence and safety," continues Thierry Guyot, CEO of WeeSafe.

The complementarity of the values of the two companies is illustrated by the rigor that they both bring to the choice of the superior quality raw materials, and by the technicality of the finished products. WeeSafe's garments are certified by European bodies and comply with the new European Directive EU 2016/425 on PPE, just as Kolmi Hopen's products meet the highest European standards. These complementarity values leads to a synergy between the two experts: they can now both offer their customers a complete risk protection solution via a single point of contact. "Finally, we also share strong core values with Kolmi Hopen, and more broadly the Medicom Group: team spirit and empathy are as fundamental for them as they are for us, and I know that the WeeSafe team will be perfectly integrated and welcomed", concludes Thierry Guyot.

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About Kolmi Hopen (Medicom Group)

Major player in paper manufacturing since 1921, the Kolmi-Hopen Group is a specialist in manufacturing of single use equipment - from head to toe - (masks, respiratory protection, caps, apparel, shoecovers, personal hygiene and medical care) for professionals in the medical, industrial and hygiene sectors.

Under brands OP AIR PRO Oxygen, OP AIR PRO, OP AIR, OP R, Kolmi Hopen is the market leader in medical and respiratory protection masks for single use. Since 2011, it has been part of the Canadian group Medicom, a world leader in the production and distribution of infection prevention and control solutions.

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