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# Eramet - Winner of the BFM Business Grand Prize for Digital Acceleration in the Industry 4.0 category and elected best project 2019

The 2019 BFM Business Grand Prize for Digital Acceleration in the Industry 4.0 category was awarded on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> to Eramet during a ceremony in Paris. Eramet's digital transformation program was elected 2019 best digital acceleration project by 200 company heads and directors attending the event.

This double distinction rewards the Group's ambitious digital transformation program for its mines and plants, including the large scale deployment of 4.0 mines, intelligent and connected, which optimize employees' safety, environment surveillance, field operations and real-time supply chain management. In a year, Eramet equipped itself for example with 15 drones and developed applications which allow topographers and surveyors to multiply by 100 the acquisition of data for soil. The Artificial Intelligence programs developed by the Group's datascientists, in collaboration with start-ups, analyze this data in order to create digital twins of the mines in real time. The 4.0 mine takes shape in New Caledonia, Gabon and Senegal.

This double distinction is the recognition of Eramet's commitment to make digital technology a major driver for growth and performance, and an opportunity to produce better in the service of the environmental and energy transition.

Christel Bories, Chief Executive Officer at Eramet, emphasizes: *"In 2018, in the face of growth predictions concerning the demand for metals that are necessary for the environmental and energy transition, we decided to accelerate our mines' digital transformation. By 2025, the demand for critical metals such as lithium, nickel or cobalt will grow significantly for electrical vehicle batteries. Our role is to be there and ready in order to become a leader in the field of metals that are part of the energy transition, a leader that respects its environment and contributes to the development of the territories in which it operates. I am convinced that in the face of the environmental and energy stakes, Eramet has a specific responsibility: technology helps us to have a positive impact on society and give sense to our professions."*

## Calendar

23.10.2019: Publication of 2019 third-quarter sales

20.02.2020: Publication of 2019 annual results

## ABOUT ERAMET

Eramet, a global mining and metallurgical group, is a key player in the extraction and valorisation of metals (manganese, nickel, mineral sands) and the elaboration and transformation of alloys with a high added value (high-speed steels, high-performance steels, superalloys, aluminium and titanium alloys).



The Group supports the energy transition by developing activities with high growth potential. These include lithium extraction and refining, and recycling.

Eramet positions itself as the privileged partner of its customers in sectors that include carbon and stainless steel, aerospace, pigments, energy, and new battery generations.

Building on its operating excellence, the quality of its investments and the expertise of its employees, the Group leverages an industrial, managerial and societal model that is virtuous and value-accretive. As a contributive corporate citizen, Eramet strives for a sustainable and responsible industry.

Eramet employs around 13,000 people in 20 countries with sales of approximately €4 billion in 2018.

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