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## Valco Group strengthens organization in France

### Marc de Wolff joined as General Manager for the French operation



Mr. Marc de Wolff joined last month Valco Group as General Manager for their operations in France which includes the well known valve companies Malbranque, SNRI, Valco Valves Services and Valco Group France.

De Wolff has a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from The Hogere Technische School of Amsterdam the Netherlands and a long international experience from different industries and companies. His former experience includes the position as Senior Vice President Global Sales of MAN Turbo AG Oberhausen Germany, President Director of MAN Turbo South East Asia Jakarta Indonesia and General Manager Power Generation Industries South East Asia of ABB Power Generation Jakarta Indonesia.

“During the last 1 ½ year we have strengthened our operations in France by better processes and recruitment of new, experienced senior personnel within sales, project and factory management, QA, Finance and HR. To have Marc de Wolff, with his extensive international sales and management experience, on board as “captain of our French team”, is an important milestone in making this organization even more professional and more enabled to serve our multinational customers”, says a satisfied President & CEO, Mr. Oddbjørn Kopperstad.

The Valco Group companies in France are located in Ilies (near Lille in Northern France) and Ruffec (close to Cognac and Bordeaux in south west France) and delivers Gate, Globe, Check and Safety valves.

Malbranque is recognized worldwide for the quality of the gate, globe and check valves, from 2 to 66 inches in diameters, from 150 to 2500 lbs ratings. Malbranque is also producing well head equipments including very high pressure choke valves and x-mas trees for very severe sour gas services. See [www.malbranque.com](http://www.malbranque.com) or <http://malbranque.valcogroup.no> for further information.

SNRI has a strong market position on cryogenic valves for Marin sector (LNG vessels) and deliver valves from from 2 to 20 inches with ratings from 150 lbs to 1500 lbs and also actuators for severe services, safety devices, mixing valves etc. See [www.snri.fr](http://www.snri.fr) or <http://snri.valcogroup.no> for further information.

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#### About Valco Group

Valco Group (former Flowtech Division of Technor) is producing and providing industrial valves for a wide range of industrial applications. The head office is located in Stavanger, Norway. Valco Group is owned by Private equity investor HitecVision (see [www.Hitecvision.com](http://www.Hitecvision.com))

The Group has three operational companies in Norway (Westad Industri AS, Valco Valves & Automation AS and Sontum Fire & Safety AS) and three operational companies in France (Malbranque SAS, SNRI SAS and Valco Valves Services SAS). The Group revenue in 2009 was approximately 700 MNOK. The Group has about 400 employees.

Valco Group have valves and related products and services for applications worldwide within Marine sector, Oil & Gas upstream, Oil & Gas downstream and Energy & Industry.

Valco Group's product portfolio contains strong and well established valve brands from in-house production as well as provision of third party products.

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Our experience has demonstrated our capability to handle the combination of high pressure and low temperatures. We are also involved in providing products which covers sour services as well as any type of applications where product quality matters. Over the last few years substantial investments in production equipment has been allocated to our facilities in Norway and France. These have been justified by our ambitions to grow our business in the European home market as well as maintain and expand our business on the global market place. Restructuring and repositioning is our every day topic, as we are looking forward and taking full advantage on demonstrated performance within different branches of the energy sector.

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