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 Protection
 in
 Nuclear

 Environments
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Industrial Projects & Services Conducting Robotics and Fire protection systems projects for industry and servicesector player;

**3D Printing** – Enabling major industry players to find new routes to successful innovation and production processes by providing systems, 3D printers and new premium material.

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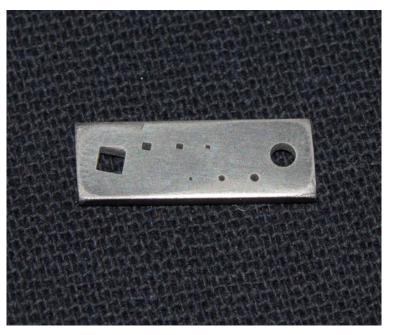
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# Prodways, a Groupe Gorgé subsidiary, develops a new metal 3D printing technology

#### • Development of a new metal 3D printing technology

The Prodways R&D teams have been collaborating with CEA-LITEN for two years. This collaboration with this institute of CEA – CEA Tech - is working on a new metal 3D printing process using metal powder combined with organic binders. This project has just seen its first successful production of titanium parts using this new exclusive process:



Sample of a metal part printed using the Prodways© R&D technology

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If it were to be ramped up to series production scale, this new technology would offer substantial advantages compared to the highest performance methods currently in use:

- Offers a printing process that is up to five times faster than direct metal 3D printing;
- Has the ability to work with all types of metals (including titanium, Inconel, cobalt-chrome, etc.);

- Resolves problems related to health, safety and the environment (with a process that does not produce fine particles, using very fine powders);

- Reduces overall operation time and production costs;
- Requires less energy, as the energy normally used to fuse metal is provided by an oven and not a laser;

- Provides a very high degree of precision that is not possible with current metal 3D printing technology.

We are still facing numerous challenges in development, but this first successful production, result of a two year research study, is a major step forward.

### • Development of 3D printing technologies for fabrication of metal parts using an indirect process

Furthermore, Prodways obtained the first conclusive results in refining the process by using MOVINGLight® technology for indirect fabrication of metal parts. These technologies, such as the lost wax casting process, can make tools, master patterns, or unique moulds that make it possible to fabricate high performance metal parts. In particular, this technology can create master pattern geometries that are more complex. Prodways is also developing new resins that can optimise this technology for casting metal parts. This indirect process, which is often used in the aeronautic and automotive industries, is currently being tested at several leading companies in these sectors.

#### • Expertise in parts fabrication and strengthening the offer in metal

Lastly, the group notes that with a fleet of approximately 10 machines dedicated to metal, and more than 10 years of experience in the sector, Initial is one of the largest French players in metal 3D printing parts production (titanium, Inconel, etc.). The Prodways subsidiary also has reinforced its offer by acquiring a new metal fusing machine so that it can optimally meet the requirements of the aeronautics and medical sectors.





Changes are sweeping the metal 3D printing technology industry, with General Electric's \$1.4 billion buyout of the two biggest players in the sector. The Prodways group, a subsidiary of Groupe Gorgé, intends to strengthen its efforts in metal additive manufacturing to enrich its offer.

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About Prodways

Prodways, a subsidiary of Groupe Gorgé, assists major industrial firms with innovations and production processes by providing high-end solutions for additive manufacturing. Prodways' strategic positioning is to combine the necessary technological solutions with the capacity to provide services and support necessary to help companies develop and meet industrial challenges by:

- providing a top-quality, state-of-the art industrial solution
- providing a complete range of technologies to meet their needs in terms of productivity and reliability
- developing materials suited to industrial constraints (mechanical properties, biocompatibility, flammability etc.)
- proposing product design and engineering and consulting on production technologies and processes
- qualifying business processes beforehand by creating test parts and process simulations
- proposing manufacturing solutions for back-up and peak reduction
- investing in innovative players in the 3D ecosystem.

Prodways is now one of the few players able to overcome all industrial challenges and boost the emergence of additive manufacturing in series production. Prodways' offer is backed up by additional activities that enable it to position itself as a serious rival to the two global market leaders and also become the only company outside the USA to offer clients a wide range of 3D printing technologies and a complete range of 3D printing services.

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