

# Lameco, a world leader, sets up in Pissaloup

The world's leading producer of peelable shims is setting up its headquarters in the Pissaloup industrial area in Trappes. Lameco plans to double its production line in its new premises.

For over thirty years, Lameco has been manufacturing a small but essential element used for assembling helicopters, aircraft engines, rockets, railway equipment or machine-tools and agricultural machinery – laminated or “peelable” shims.

As discreet as they are unavoidable, these parts of all shapes and sizes possess the property of being “peelable” in thickness, in layers of a few hundredths of a millimetre, which gives them the capacity of compensating the inevitable play to be found in assemblies of several hundreds or thousands of mechanical parts. Made from different metals, or even composites, peelable shims are used at present in all sectors of industry. “We work with over 3,000 customers, including giants such as EADS Airbus, Eurocopter, Aircelle or Sidel, which makes machines for bottling Coca Cola,” states Nancy Gastel, Lameco communications manager.

## A French specialty

Over the years, the company has succeeded in imposing its product throughout the world. After opening agencies in most European countries and Israel, it created an American subsidiary in New York and has now set up in Asia (China, Malaysia, South Korea, Singapore, etc.), where this

type of product is still little known. Invented in Canada, peelable shims are only manufactured by four companies in the whole world, of which two are French, set up in the *département* of the Yvelines.



The peelable shim, a small element essential for assembling aircraft engines, rockets, railway equipment and machine tools.

In France, Lameco shares the market with Jicey. “But today, we are the only company to be entirely specialised in this type of product,” points out Nancy Gastel – specialisation that has enabled Lameco to become the world's n° 1 in the sector with an annual turnover of over 3.85M€. “We are in a very flourishing niche where there is still huge potential for development.”

To meet customer demand and accompany its development, last

March the company decided to leave the industrial zone of Buc to set up in the Pissaloup business park in Trappes.

## A real family company



In the Gastel family, I would like the father, the son and the two daughters ... Created by Daniel Gastel in 1974, the company has remained a family business, which still belongs 100% to the family. Yann, the son, at present in charge of logistics and production, should soon be taking over the business, with the help of his two sisters, Fanny (legal matters and human resources) and Nancy (communications and documentation).

The company will be setting up its headquarters and its twenty or so employees on a site of 3,500 m<sup>2</sup>. “These new premises covering a surface of 1,500 m<sup>2</sup> will enable us to expand and double our production line and, as a result, be able to take on new personnel”, concludes Nancy Gastel. Lameco is also counting on the presence of prestigious companies in the neighbourhood for increasing its clientele.