

## TESMEC AND THE UNIVERSITY OF BERGAMO SIGN A STRATEGIC COLLABORATION AGREEMENT FOR INNOVATION, SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND TERRITORIAL VALORIZATION

- The agreement, among other provisions, establishes a joint Technical-Scientific Committee and strengthens collaboration between the University and the company in teaching, advanced training, theses, internships, research projects and participation in national and international calls for proposals. The agreement promotes technological transfer and enhances research projects, reinforcing Bergamo's role as a hub of innovation;
- The signing ceremony took place today at the University Rectorate headquarters in Via Salvecchio, Bergamo, and was attended by Sergio Cavalieri, *Rector of the University of Bergamo*, Giuseppe Rosace, *Rector's Delegate for Technology Transfer, Spin-offs and Relations with the U4I Foundation*, and Carlo Caccia Dominioni, *Chief Executive Officer of Tesmec*.

Grassobbio (Bergamo), 9 April 2026 – **Tesmec S.p.A.**, (EURONEXT STAR MILAN: TES) ("Tesmec" or the "Company"), at the head of a group leader in the market of technologies for infrastructures (overhead, underground and railway networks) related to the transport of energy, data and materials (oil and derivatives, gas and water), and of technologies in surface mining, and the **University of Bergamo**, a public higher education institution strongly oriented toward innovation, inclusion and sustainable development, and actively engaged in education, scientific research and dialogue with the local community, announce the signing of a five-year collaboration agreement aimed at promoting Bergamo as an active territory in the development of high-value relationships between research, industry, innovation and qualified employment.

The collaboration with the University of Bergamo is rooted in a shared vision: strengthening the dialogue between university and industry to enhance knowledge and develop skills capable of addressing today and tomorrow key challenges, from the energy transition and the digitalization of infrastructure to the evolution of production systems. The agreement is therefore intended as a concrete tool to generate value for the local area, by promoting technology transfer and supporting the entry of younger generations into the labor market, while at the same time reaffirming the University's role as a driver of innovation and a guiding force in aligning education with emerging market needs.

The agreement provides for the establishment of a joint Scientific Committee tasked with coordinating the initiatives developed through specifically implemented agreements. Activities will span multiple areas, with the aim of integrating academic research and industrial application—from the co-design of advanced training programmes within the Tesmec Academy, to mutual support for teaching activities, as well as the hosting of students for internships and thesis projects. The collaboration will also include scientific partnerships on topics of shared interest, research and consultancy activities, and joint initiatives.

The signing ceremony was held today at the University in Via Salvecchio 19, Bergamo, in the presence of **Sergio Cavalieri, Rector of the University of Bergamo, Giuseppe Rosace, Rector's Delegate for Technology Transfer, Spin-offs and Relations with the U4I Foundation** and **Carlo Caccia Dominioni, Chief Executive Officer of Tesmec**.

**Carlo Caccia Dominioni, Chief Executive Officer of Tesmec**, commented: *"This strategic collaboration with the University of Bergamo further strengthens a long-standing and fruitful relationship that we have consistently maintained with the University. We firmly believe that synergy between university and industry is essential to foster innovation, develop advanced technological skills and create lasting value for the local area. Investing in knowledge and human capital means investing in the future, and as a highly innovative technology partner, Tesmec aims to play a leading role in the modernization of infrastructure, in shaping the future of energy and in contributing to the transformation of the industrial landscape in our Country."*

**Sergio Cavalieri, Rector of the University of Bergamo**, commented: *"This agreement represents a concrete step in building a strategic model of innovation capable of integrating skills, research and industrial vision. The collaboration with Tesmec strengthens our commitment to promoting education that is increasingly integrated with the productive sector, while supporting the development of applied research and technology transfer. Through the establishment of a joint Technical and Scientific Committee and the implementation of specific implementing agreements, we will be able to develop high-impact initiatives in the strategic areas of the energy transition, digitalization and the evolution of production systems. In this way, the University of Bergamo reaffirms its role as a driver of growth for the local area, supporting students and researchers in accessing qualified opportunities and contributing to the competitiveness of the local and national economic system."*

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Tesmec Group

Tesmec Group is active in the design, production and marketing of systems and integrated solutions for the construction, maintenance, and diagnostics of infrastructures (overhead, underground and railway networks) for the transport of energy, data and materials (oil and derivatives, gas and water), as well as technologies for quarries and surface mining. The Group operates in the following sectors: - Energy. Tesmec Group designs, manufactures, and markets machines and integrated systems for the construction and maintenance of overhead and underground power lines, fibre optic networks (Stringing segment), as well as advanced equipment and systems for the automation, efficiency, management and monitoring of high, medium and low voltage electrical networks and substations (Energy Automation Segment); - Trencher. Tesmec Group carries out the design, production, sale and rental of trencher machines functional to four types of activities (excavation and mines, excavations for the installation of pipelines, for the construction of telecommunication and optical fibre infrastructures, excavations for the construction of underground power networks), as well as the provision of specialized excavation services. The trencher machines are rented by the Group both with the operator (hot rental or wet rental) and without the operator (cold rental or dry rental); - Railway. The Group designs, manufactures and markets machines and integrated systems for the installation and maintenance of the railway catenary, devices for the diagnostics of the railway catenary and track, as well as customized machines for special operations on the line.

Born in Italy in 1951, the Group counts on more than 900 employees and has its production sites in Grassobbio (Bergamo), Sirone (Lecco), Monopoli (Bari) and Bitetto (Bari) in Italy, Alvarado (Texas) in the USA and Durtal in France. It relies on three research and development units in Fidenza (Parma), Padua and Patrica (Frosinone). Listed on the EURONEXT STAR MILAN of the Euronext Milan market of the Italian Stock Exchange, the Group boasts a global commercial presence through foreign subsidiaries and sales offices in the USA, in South Africa, West Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Russia, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and China. In its development strategy, the Group intends to consolidate its position as a solution provider in the three abovementioned business areas, by exploiting the trends of energy transition, digitalization, and sustainability.

## **Università degli studi di Bergamo**

The University of Bergamo is a dynamic and steadily growing public university, founded in 1968. Its mission is to promote the cultural and scientific education of students by fostering the integration of humanistic and technological knowledge. With seven campuses located between Bergamo and Dalmine, forming a truly distributed campus, the University offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in the humanities, economics, law, engineering and the sciences. The University is strongly committed to research projects and collaborations with the local productive system, while also maintaining solid international partnerships that provide students with opportunities for academic exchanges and learning experiences abroad.