

Press release

CSEM reports another growth year in 2014

Neuchâtel, June 19, 2015—With growth of almost 8% in the volume of projects directly related to industry and the appointment of three industry partners to its board of directors, research and development center CSEM today reported a successful 30th anniversary year.

At its Annual General Meeting (AGM), CSEM's board of directors acknowledged the success of an anniversary year filled with innovative projects and important, game-changing technology with great satisfaction. Business volume for 2014 reached CHF 83 million, more than a 10% increase on the previous year.

Growth of almost 8% in the volume of projects directly related to industry contributed to the strong revenue progression, as did the high volume of investment in state-of-the-art technologies supported by the public sector. Following the renovation of one of its two buildings in Neuchâtel, partly reserved for the activities of its photovoltaic competence center, CSEM built new clean room facilities, designed both for watchmaking and energy activities. Researchers and scientists will use this new resource to reinforce CSEM's position in the world of precise silicon microfabrication and develop high-tech applications for the solar energy market.

In 2014, more than 200 companies entrusted projects to CSEM. More than 125 of those companies were Swiss and more than half of them were SMEs. Located in five centers in Alpnach, Landquart, Muttenz, Neuchâtel, and Zurich, CSEM works in partnership with, and in close proximity to, local businesses and universities. These synergies leverage innovation efforts and contribute to regional and national economic development.

Successful 30th anniversary year

"I am very happy that 2014, our 30th anniversary year, concludes as one of our strongest years ever," said Mario El-Khoury, CEO of CSEM. *"On top of providing our industrial partners with competitive advantages, we have launched magnificent technological innovations in fields ranging from watchmaking to energy and space."* Amongst the flagship projects developed by CSEM in 2014 are the Genequand regulator, revolutionizing how mechanical watches measure time, and photovoltaic solar panels in pure white or any color for integration into all built surfaces. Last but not least, the first surface images of the now-famous Chury comet—shared with the whole world—were taken thanks to microcameras developed at CSEM.

New members of the board of directors

Claude Nicollier, Chairman of the Board, welcomed the appointment of three industry partners to the board: BKW (Bern) and Viteos (Neuchâtel) had announced their respective contributions to CSEM's share capital on April 15, 2015. Patek Philippe (Geneva), already a shareholder, also joins the board after having increased its participation. The shareholders unanimously elected Mr. Christophe Bossel (Head of the Networks Sector and member of the executive board of BKW), Ms. Josette Frésard (board member of Viteos), Mr. Jean-Pierre Musy (Technical Director of Patek Philippe), and Mr. Jérôme Faist (Professor and Deputy Head of the Institute for Quantum Electronics at ETH Zurich) as new members of the board of directors.

Key figures 2014

Total revenues	82,462,029
– Public contributions	39,526,982
– Public and industrial projects & services	42,935,047
Total operating expenses	82,405,156
– Expenses directly related to projects	13,628,669
– Staff costs	50,818,952
– Operating costs	17,957,535
Operating result	56,873
Non-core activities	154,994
Result for the period	211,867



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Additional information

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About CSEM

CSEM—technologies that make the difference

CSEM, founded in 1984, is a research and development center (public-private partnership) specializing in microtechnology, nano-technology, microelectronics, system engineering, photovoltaics, and communications technologies. Around 450 highly qualified specialists from various scientific and technical disciplines work for CSEM in Neuchâtel, Zurich, Muttenz, Alpnach, and Landquart.

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