



## **Mersen receives a grant from the National Science Foundation for its work on the safety of photovoltaic installations**

**Paris, September 17, 2013** - Mersen (Euronext FR0000039620 – MRN), a global expert in materials and equipment for extreme environments and for the safety and reliability of electrical equipment, has received a grant from the *National Science Foundation* (NSF) in the United States for its research work on the safety of photovoltaic installations, in partnership with Northeastern University (Boston, United States).

This 18-month project will extend the research conducted by the same team as for the initial project, which was also funded by the NSF. It aims to provide technology-based solutions to the particular safety issues facing photovoltaic installations given the danger of electrical faults. It will be supported by Mersen's R&D teams and its photovoltaic testing facility. The work will be presented at the forthcoming ECCE (*Energy Conversion Congress and Exposition*) conference on energy conversion issues to be held in the United States during September.

With this grant, the NSF, the US government agency responsible for providing financial support to scientific research, has recognized the Group's ability to rise to major technological challenges and to serve as liaison between industry and academia.

The award of this grant will also help to strengthen Mersen's positioning as a key player in the renewable energies.

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## About Mersen

Global expert in materials and solutions for extreme environments as well as in the safety and reliability of electrical equipment, Mersen designs innovative solutions to address its clients' specific needs to enable them to optimize their manufacturing process in sectors such as energy, transportation, electronics, chemical, pharmaceutical and process industries.

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