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Thuasne takes part in the fight against the spread of the Covid-19 virus by producing reusable barrier masks

In the current context of rapid development of the Covid-19 epidemic, Thuasne is mobilizing part of its industrial tool for the manufacture of reusable barrier masks.

As a manufacturer of medical devices, the Group has relied on textile materials and manufacturing processes already mastered within the company to implement an intense and rapid development plan. The raw materials come from European countries. They are already in stock or easy to supply.

These masks meet the requirements guide for barrier masks (AFNOR SPEC S76-001) published on 27 March 2020, and all their components are Reach or OEKO-TEX® certified. They are filtering, breathable, and are produced in Saint-Etienne, France on an ISO 9001-13485 certified site (June 2019).

These masks come from weaving technology. It allows us to mobilize numerous production lines and therefore, to ultimately maximize production capacities.

These barrier masks are intended for use by healthy people who do not have any clinical symptoms of viral infection, and who are not in contact with people with such symptoms. They are washable 30 times at 60° with open air drying.

Elizabeth Ducottet, CEO of the Group, specifies that "Thuasne wanted to ensure that all the tests were carried out before any communication and we are in constant contact with the French authorities as part of the individual protection plan."

"This response is solid," adds Elizabeth Ducottet, "because we constantly invest in our industrial tool, and our staff has accepted to meet the challenge. We have put in place all the necessary measures to ensure their protection, and we are proud of their commitment alongside us in this act of solidarity. As a healthcare industry actor, we had to be there!"

About Thuasne

Founded in 1847, Thuasne imagines, develops and manufactures medical devices allowing everyone to become actors in their own health. For 6 generations, the Group offers concrete, adapted and innovative health solutions in the fields of orthopaedics, medical compression, home care and sport. With its 2,200 employees, the company generated a turnover of 233 million euros in 2019 of which more than 40% in international sales. The Group is now present in 85 countries, in particular through its 15 subsidiaries in Europe, the United States and Asia. www.thuasne.com. www.thuasne.com



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