

DRONE VOLT

Revenues of €1.7 million and solid gross margin in 1st quarter 2022

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- Slight decline in activity in 1st quarter 2022, offset by initial contributions from SKYTOOLS,
- Solid gross margin of 36%, driven by high value-added activities,
- Favorable outlook for the rest of the year with new orders under negotiation,
- Continued transfer of DRONE VOLT's know-how to its American partner AQUILINE DRONES,
- Finalization of the development of the Linedrone with Hydro-Quebec and innovations under development with VIKING DRONE.

DRONE VOLT, an expert in embedded artificial intelligence and manufacturer of professional civilian drones, announces its unaudited revenue for the 1st quarter of fiscal year 2022.

Unaudited data in thousand euros – IFRS standards	T1 2021	T1 2022 ¹	Variation
Turnover			
including DRONE VOLT FACTORY, SERVICES & ACADEMY	790	789	0%
of which Third Party Brands	1 014	956	-6%
TOTAL	1 803	1 745	-3%
Gross margin			
including DRONE VOLT FACTORY, SERVICES & ACADEMY	504	507	+1%
of which Third Party Brands	192	120	-38%
TOTAL	696	627	-10%
Gross margin rate	39%	36%	- 3 points
including DRONE VOLT FACTORY, SERVICES & ACADEMY	64%	64%	0 points
of which Third Party Brands	19%	13%	- 6 points

¹ Figures including the contribution of the Dutch company SKYTOOLS since January 18, 2022.



"Despite the slight downturn in our business in the first quarter, we have managed to maintain a solid level of operating profitability thanks to our high value-added activities and we expect to see a return to a good commercial dynamic for the rest of the year," said Marc Courcelle, CEO of DRONE VOLT. "Furthermore, we are pleased to note that our recent investments are already beginning to bear their fruits. DRONE VOLT has benefited from the first financial contributions of its new subsidiary SKYTOOLS and is now working on integrating VIKING DRONE's technological expertise in order to further improve the Group's know-how and enrich its offer.

Slight decline in activity offset by initial contributions from SKYTOOLS

Over the 1st quarter 2022, the turnover of high value-added activities (DRONE VOLT FACTORY, SERVICES & ACADEMY) comes to 789 thousand euros, stable over one year. During this period, DRONE VOLT was able to deliver 6 HERCULES 20 SPRAY drones to its Central European customer, as part of the contract signed in December 2021. In total, the Group delivered 14 UAVs during this Q1.

In addition, these high value-added activities include the first financial contributions of the Dutch company SKYTOOLS, acquired by the Group at the beginning of the year, for an amount of 110 thousand euros.

In addition, the portion of revenues generated through the licensing agreement with AQUILINE DRONES in October 2020 amounts to approximately 300 thousand euros over the entire 1st quarter 2022.

In addition, the Third-Party Brands activity recorded revenues of 956 thousand euros for the 1^{er} quarter, down -6% compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year. It also includes the contributions of SKYTOOLS (58 thousand euros).

Thus, after taking into account a total contribution of 168 thousand euros from SKYTOOLS, the consolidated revenue of DRONE VOLT is 1.7 million euros in 1st quarter 2022, a limited decline of -3% over one year.

Solid gross margin thanks to high value-added activities

The gross margin of high value-added activities amounted to 507 thousand euros in Q1 2022, up slightly by 1% year-on-year. The gross margin rate for these activities was 64%, very close to its record level, thanks to strong activity in services and training.

However, the gross margin of the Third-Party Brands activity amounted to 120 thousand euros in the first quarter of 2022, down 38% year-on-year and representing a gross margin rate of 13%, compared with 19% a year earlier.

Thus, the decline in the gross margin of Third-Party Brand activities has led to a -10% drop in DRONE VOLT's consolidated gross margin, which stands at 627 thousand euros, including 79 thousand euros from SKYTOOLS in Q1 2022. As a result, the consolidated gross margin rate was 36% in Q1 2022 (compared to 39% a year earlier), a level that remains solid thanks to the contribution of high value-added activities.

Favorable business outlook and continued strengthening of know-how

For the rest of the year 2022, DRONE VOLT anticipates a sustained commercial activity, with negotiations underway for significant new orders.

In addition, DRONE VOLT and AQUILINE DRONES continue to work together in the United States with the objective of accelerating the process of transferring know-how and improving the Group's technological offering. DRONE VOLT also supports its American partner in the search for financing to support its very strong growth ambitions and specifies that AQUILINE DRONES should very soon mandate an American investment bank to accompany it in the framework of its project to be listed on the Nasdaq. In addition, DRONE VOLT announces that it has requested and obtained the appointment of a director to the Board of Directors of AQUILINE DRONES.

In addition, the activity for the rest of the year will also be driven by the continued execution of the drone distribution contract to the Central European customer signed in December 2021. As a reminder, this



contract provides for the distribution of 275 HERCULES 20 SPRAY drones over 3 years. To date, 8 have already been delivered, aligned with the planned schedule.

Progressive integration of SKYTOOLS and enrichment of the Group's offer thanks to VIKING DRONE's innovations

During this first quarter, DRONE VOLT worked on the integration of SKYTOOLS with the implementation of commercial synergies between the new subsidiary and the other entities of the Group. Thus, the contributions of SKYTOOLS in the consolidated sales of the Group should gradually increase over the coming quarters.

As announced in March 2022, the Group has acquired the assets of VIKING DRONE, a Danish company specialized in connected drones for developers and integrators. In this context, the Group intends to draw on the technological expertise of the Danish company, whose teams are currently working closely with DRONE VOLT's teams, in order to enrich the Group's offer, starting with the production of a future "HERCULES 4 connected" drone, which will be presented in the coming weeks.

In addition, the industrialization of the first Linedrone², a drone developed in partnership with Hydro-Quebec, the largest electricity producer in Canada, would be finalized in July 2022. Thus, the first deliveries of the Linedrone would be made in the second half of the year.

Finally, the Group specifies that it continues to study acquisition opportunities to strengthen its technologies and activities.

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The DRONE VOLT Group, a member of the GICAT, achieved a turnover of 8.6 million euros in 2021.

DRONE VOLT is notably a supplier to administrations and industrial companies such as the French Army, the French Ministry of the Armed Forces, ENGIE, Total, Bouygues Energies & Services, the ADP Group, the Gendarmerie des Transports Aériennes (GTA) and international government agencies.

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² Drone designed for complex inspection of high voltage power lines. It allows to detect energy losses in an electrical network in order to precisely determine the maintenance needs.