



## MINES nancy and ESSILOR :

### “LEARNING TO INNOVATE TOGETHER!”

ENGINEERING SCHOOL SIGNS PARTNERSHIP DEAL WITH ESSILOR

**January 2014: Mines Nancy and Essilor have signed a partnership agreement on the “Engineering and Innovation” teaching programme offered by Mines Nancy and the Fondation Mines Nancy.**

Under the terms of the agreement, Essilor will become a senior partner of the programme, which was launched in 2008 under the slogan “learning to innovate together”. An original initiative, it is unique among France’s top higher education establishments.

The agreement will provide trainee engineers with the opportunity to enhance their theoretical knowledge by observing innovative practices in a corporate environment while helping business professionals drive change and innovation.

This partnership will also offer trainee engineers an insight into their social and economic environment and help them develop the behavioural skills they need to put innovation into practice. Essilor will also benefit from the students’ creativity and effective use of scientific knowledge to boost its innovation processes, while taking advantage of the high standards of excellence offered by Mines Nancy’s laboratories.

A member of the programme’s strategic steering committee, Essilor will offer students the chance to work on specific projects, contribute to courses and take part in the symposia and workshops on innovation organized by Mines Nancy and its partners.

#### Mines Nancy: Learning to innovate together!

**The Engineering and Innovation Teaching Programme underlines the central role played by innovation in Mines Nancy’s strategy, alongside investment in people, as reflected in Alliance ARTEM, and its international commitments.**

- **Programme founded in 2008** with support from the Fondation Mines Nancy and Mines Nancy Alumni.

- **Programme partners:** ESSILOR, Total, La Poste, Grand Nancy.

- Every year, **60 students join the programme and more than 90 hours of specialist teaching** are provided under the initiative.

- The programme provided the basis for the **Innovation and Change Management course** set up by Mines Nancy in 2010.

- The following activities have been organized as part of the programme:

> the **“Innovation in action” review**  
> **3 symposia:** Innovation process efficiency (2009), Innovation and uncertainty (2011) and Hydrology and innovation (February and October 2013)

#### Essilor: Continuous innovation

**For more than 160 years, Essilor has placed innovation at the heart of its strategy.**

Every year, Essilor invests **€150 million** in research and innovation and employs **500 researchers** worldwide in its **three Innovation and Technologies centres**.

Building on its network of **partnerships** with universities, manufacturers and SME’s, **Essilor applies innovation to everything from products and services to marketing.**

**Essilor was ranked 23rd on the Forbes World’s Most Innovative Companies List in 2013.**

*Essilor’s mission is to offer everyone around the world a better life through a better sight. Inventor of the Varilux progressive lens in 1959, Essilor recently launched a number of ever more innovative lenses to meet the correction and visual protection needs of consumers, including Crizal UV, lenses that protect the eye against UV damage, Crizal Prevencia, whose role is to protect the retina from the harmful effects of blue-violet light, a new generation of progressive lenses, the Varilux S series, and Optifog anti-fog lenses.*

*As part of its mission, Essilor has also launched several inclusive economy programmes in emerging countries, an innovative way to give people access to visual correction.*

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