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IoT as an enabler for Circular Manufacturing self-symbiosis in Zinc Alloy production

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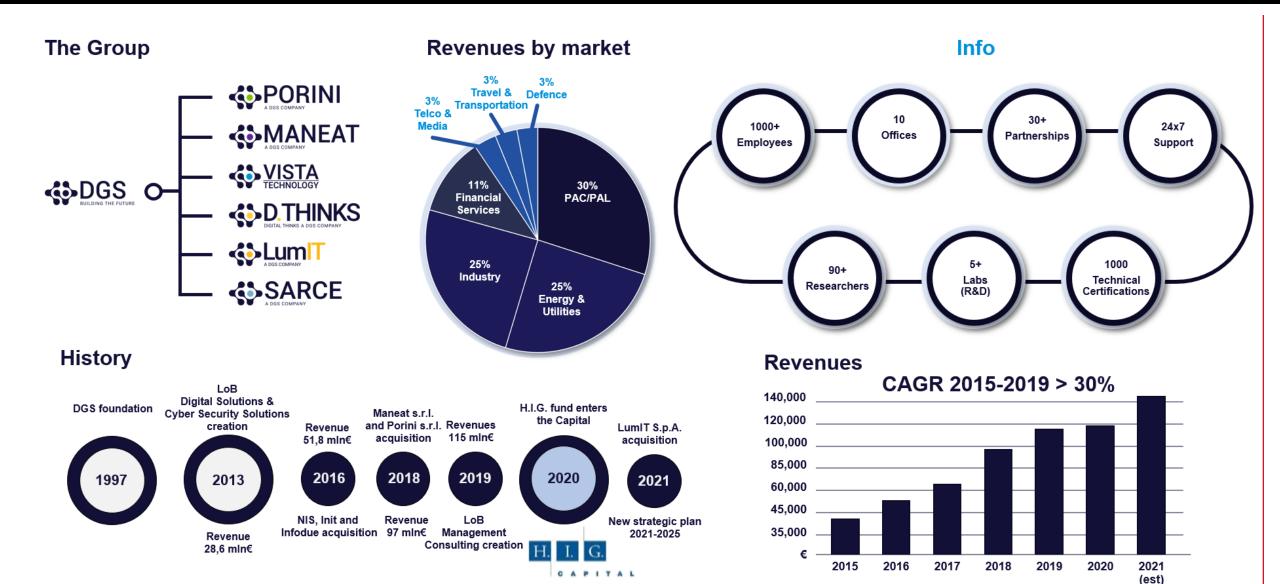
GLOBAL VISION:

IoT TODAY AND BEYOND



DGS at a glance





Industrial Pilot in Zinc Alloy Production



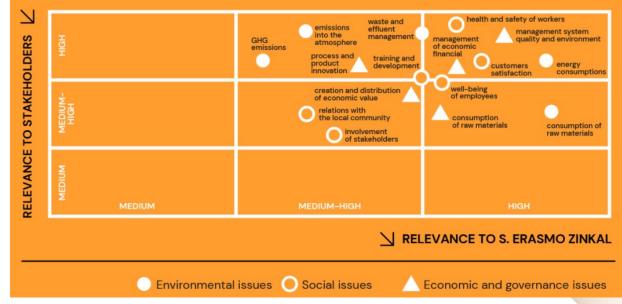


- Foundry specialised in zinc alloys production for die casting.
- Over 60 years of industrial experience
- ~50 employees
- ~45M€ revenues
- **3** production lines



Continuous improvement thanks to investments and experiments towards the **sustainability** of the entire production cycle following the **EU Green Deal** lighthouse and **Circular Economy** guidelines.

- **100**% Raw materials (SHG zinc, Mozal aluminum, magnesium and copper) zamak scraps and by-products entering the production cycle
- 99.8%Total waste sent for recycling
- 2.2% Reduction of CO2 emissions per unit of product











COMPONENTS





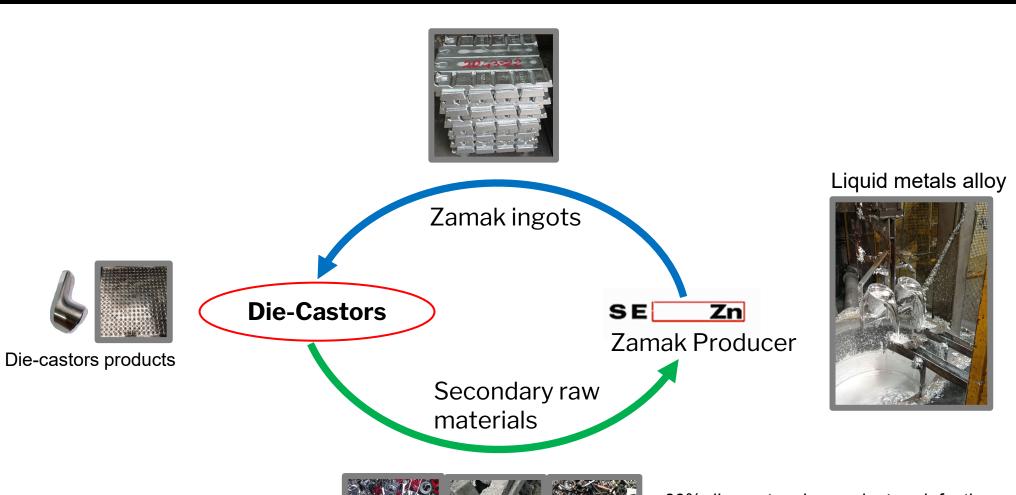


KITCHEN ACCESSORIES



A model of self-symbiosis industry





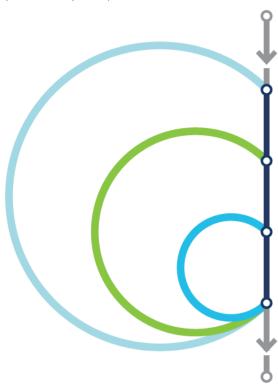
60% die-castors by-product or defective products 20% others by-product, end-life materials 20% scraps

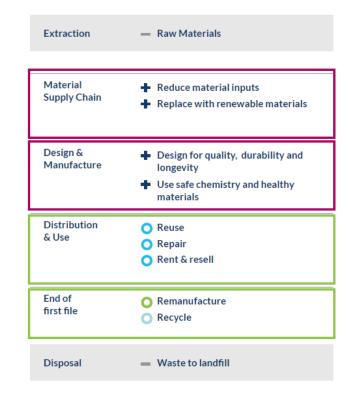
Objectives vs Circular Economy Needs



Circular Economy Diagram

(Source: Closed Loop Partners)2

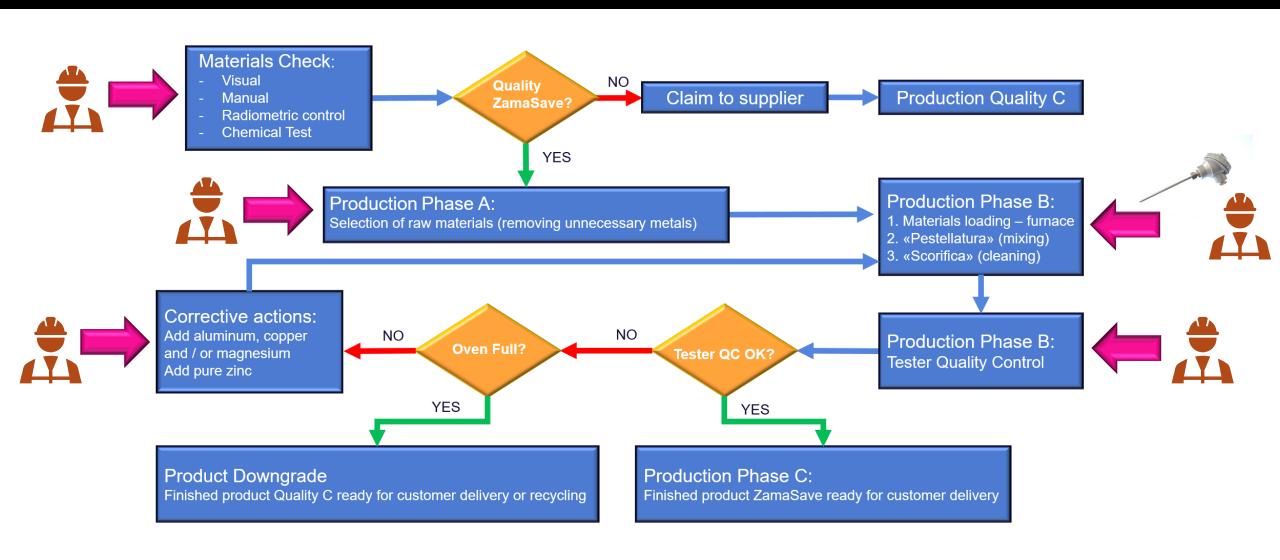




- Innovative IoT platform for continuous monitoring across the whole production process:
 - to identify secondary raw materials qualities and compositions
 - to analyze in real-time alloy chemical characteristics in furnace
 - to reduce energy consumption (e.g. regulation of the fun for powders sucking)
 - to reduce waste and emission
 - healthier human working environment
- a new concept of certification and digital tracking and tracing of secondary raw materials (SRM) though Digital Product Passport of SRM
- Innovative digital zamak alloys design based on AI analysis and simulation to identify the quality of secondary raw materials most suitable to:
 - reducing waste and emission
 - extracting the best formulation to be offered to customers for the production of other object
- to improve collaboration with all stakeholders involved in the product value chain

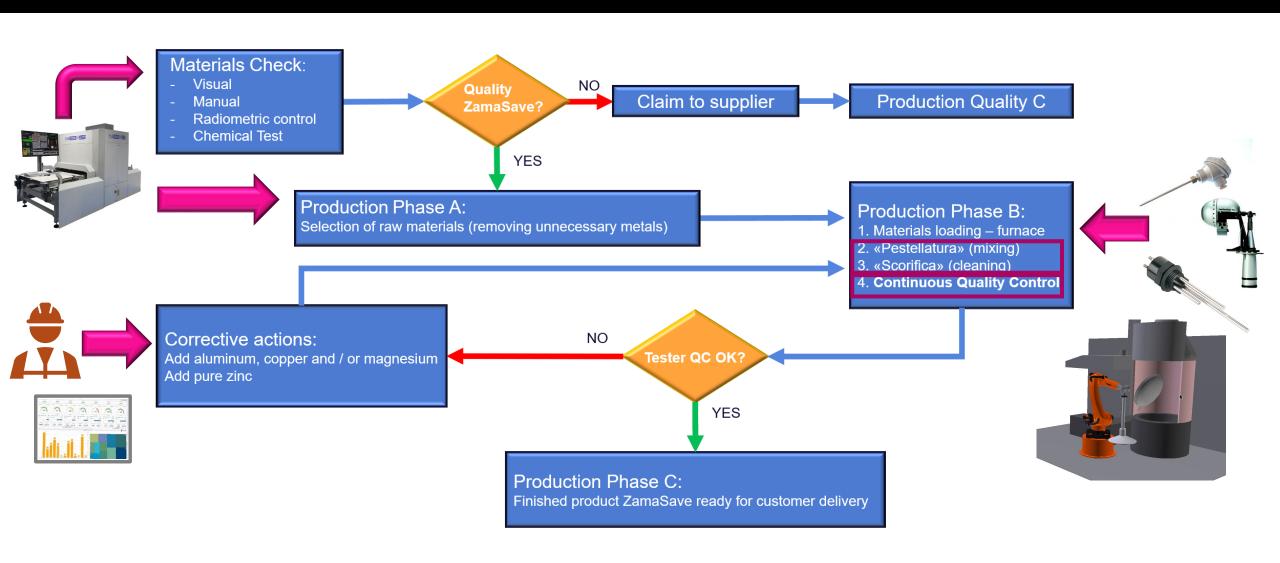
ZamaSave Production Process - AS IS





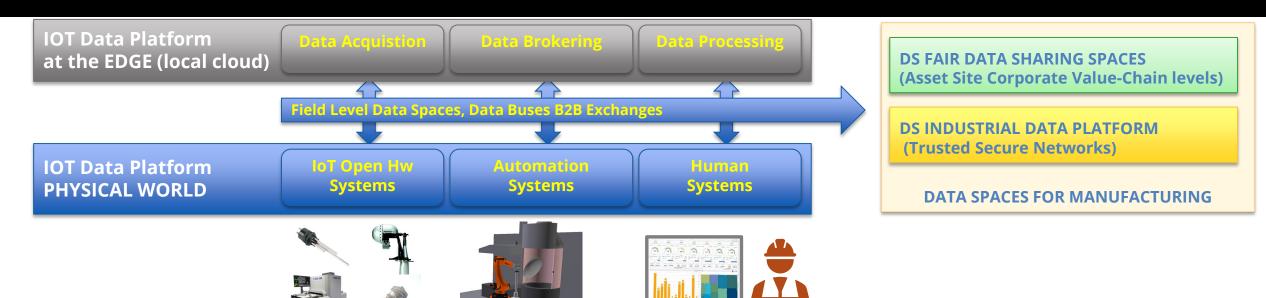
Zamasave Production Process – TO BE





Ongoing Solution





- to introduce an innovative decision support system based on IIoT tools and AI based analysis, able to monitoring
 - production process (criticalities, alert, suggested corrective actions, etc.)
 - energy consumptions
 - the level of waste and emissions

allowing a rapid reconfiguration of materials compositions

- an AI based decision support system, able to connect the chemical-physical-mechanical characteristics of the ZamaSave alloys to the various die-cast objects made by his customers. This solution will help zamak producers and customers to simulate and test different qualities of raw materials as well as new alloys on a virtual environment (waste reduction of materials used for test)
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Expected Impacts



Energy

• 5% of energy consumption reduction

Waste Savings

10% of waste and emission reduction

Market

 innovative zamak alloys based on the quality of secondary raw materials most suitable towards the EU Green Deal objectives

Productivity

- production process leadtime reduction
- 5%-10% production volumes increase

Workers well-being

reduction of powders emission



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