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# Ouvry acquires SIM KIT® patent from Dutch Hotzone Solutions Group

*A kit composed of 3 unique realistic chemical warfare agents (CWA) simulants, ideal for CBRN training and courses.*

French company Ouvry, specialist in CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear) personal protectives systems, announces that it has acquired SIM KIT® patent from Dutch Hotzone Solutions Group.

*Olivier Mattmann (Hotzone Solutions Group) and Ludovic Ouvry*

This chemical simulant kit is intended to be used in CBRN training and courses.

SIM KIT® was launched and patented in 2012 by practitioners, former instructors from the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and is used in over 20 countries. Ouvry already had an exclusive distribution agreement for the French market. Hotzone Solutions Group now wants to focus on its core activity: instruction, consulting services and supply of integrated systems (mobile laboratories, CBRN risk assessment and categorization kits).

Ouvry designs and manufactures products that cover the full spectrum of protection and decontamination needs. Most of the production is located in its Lyon facilities. While Ouvry is already present in 27 countries, the brand wants to broaden its portfolio and to develop even further in the export market.

*« This patent transfer is a further step in Ouvry strategic positioning as key player in CBRN protection and decontamination, as well as a didactic tool for our new professional training services »*, declares Ludovic Ouvry, Chairman.

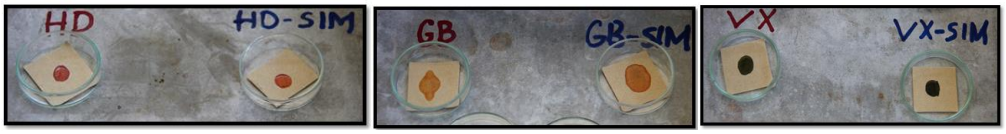
*« After 5 years of cooperation, this step strengthens the synergy between our two companies, particularly on the theme of protection and training »*, says Olivier Mattmann, CEO of Hotzone Solutions Group.

SIM KIT® will now be produced in Ouvry facilities in Lyon, France. The French Army first begun to use it in 2013 and forecasts suggest a steady growth of 20% per year.

## SIM-KIT: three simulants with the same physical and chemical characteristics as the three CWA categories

Perfectly adapted to realistic CBRN instruction, training and courses, SIM KIT® is safe for the user and contains 3 simulants with the same physical and chemical characteristics as real chemical warfare agents (in terms of persistence, colour, viscosity, volatility).

The simulants respond positively to all existing detection technologies, whether it is detection paper or detection systems. When detection paper is brought into contact with simulants, it reacts the same way as it would with real agents to produce colored dots.




*Photos: Hotzone Solutions Group Corporate*

For training scenarios, fluorescent tracers enable visualization of presence/absence of the product thanks to a UV-flashlight included in the kit (measure of the residual contamination, cross contamination…)

## About Ouvry

The Lyon-based company was created in 2005 and specializes in both CBRN body and respiratory personal protection as well as decontamination, offering innovative products designed for all intervention operators: soldiers and law enforcement, fire-fighters and emergency services, first-responders, civil defense, medical, industry and critical infrastructures.

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### About Hotzone Solutions Group

Hotzone Solutions Group is an independent company which provides a wide range of training, equipment, security and consulting services to the chemical, biological, radiological/nuclear and explosives (CBRNE) response and environmental protection community. Based on an extensive field experience, Hotzone training and courses comply with the standards of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) which was awarded the Nobel Prize in 2013. The corporate headquarters is based in the Netherlands and Hotzone Solutions Group maintains regional offices in Belgium, Brazil and the United Arab Emirates.

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