

Our history in France

From the first patent to a global technology powerhouse

1850

Werner von Siemens filed in Paris a first patent for the exploitation of his pointer telegraph. A year later, he presented his thesis on electric telegraphy at the Paris Academy of Sciences

1860s

Eduard Rau, Siemens representative in Belgium, pursues business opportunities in France

1878

A Siemens subsidiary is opened in Paris under the name of Siemens Frères

1881

Siemens enjoys success at the Paris World Exhibition after constructing an electric railway from the Place de la Concorde to the exhibition site

1890s

Establishment of subsidiaries and Technical Bureaus in Mulhouse (1890), Metz (1895/99) and Strasbourg (1899)

1912

Siemens Brothers, London, and Schneider & Cie., Le Creuzot, found a joint finance company

1927

The Siemens parent companies combine their French operations to form Siemens France S.A.

1947

Liquidation of Siemens France; the company splits into a number of small firms

1956

Samering is transformed into Siemens Société Anonyme Française (Siemens SAF), Paris

1971

The first French Siemens plant, which belongs to Siemens SAF, is established in Haguenau/Alsace

1973

Siemens, Compagnie Internationale pour l'Informatique (CII) and Philips found Unidata, a data processing company

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1988

Siemens Data is integrated into the French Regional Company

1988

Takeover of Bendix Electronics, Toulouse

1989

Siemens und Framatome found a joint venture in the field of pressurized water reactors, which operates under the name of Nuclear Power International (NPI)

1997

Siemens Holding SA, founded in 1992, becomes Siemens France SA

2002

The Greater Rennes first automated metro line (line A) goes into service

2003

Siemens takes over the industrial turbine business of the French company Alstom SA

2006

Siemens and Lohr Industries reach an agreement to develop a driverless transport system on wheels

2007

Poweo awards Siemens an order for the engineering, procurement and construction of a 400 MW gas-fired power plant, as well as its operation and maintenance

2009

With the acquisition of the French company Elan Software Systems in Toulouse, Siemens expands the worldwide R&D centre specialising in Manufacturing Execution Systems (MES) software and solutions for industrial production

2010

Siemens receives its first large-scale photovoltaic order from France, purchaser is Eco Delta Développement

2011

Siemens subsidiary PETNET Solutions opens the first biomarker production site for the health industry in Lisses, France

2012

Line 1 of the Paris Metro now operates fully automatically (49 trains, 25 stations spread over 16.6 kilometres). The move to fully automatic mode with no disruption to traffic is a world first

2013

Siemens is to supply 24 direct drive wind turbines for Diamond Generating Europe Ltd. and EDF Energies Nouvelles for four wind projects, located in the Nord Pas-de-Calais and Picardie regions in northern France

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2015

Siemens installs its world headquarters for metro Val people mover in Toulouse

2016

French railway operator SNCF chooses Siemens for the implementation of a new train operating system as part of the extension of the regional express train (RER line E) to the west