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The Passing of Michel Jalabert, Board Member and Key Figure in the Capgemini Group's History

Paris, 15 March 2013 – Michel Jalabert, Member of the Board of the Capgemini Group, died on Wednesday, March 13, at the age of 80 after battling a long illness.



Born on January 20, 1933, Michel Jalabert received degrees from the *Ecole Supérieure d'Electricité* school of electrical engineering and the *Institut d'Etudes Politiques* in Paris. He began his career in 1958 at the Compagnie des Machines Bull, where he was quickly appointed manager of the company's Mexican subsidiary and then promoted to the position of Director of the Service division. In that capacity, he oversaw Serge Kampf, who was the Regional Director of Dauphiné-Savoie in Grenoble at the time. Michel Jalabert left Bull in 1971 to become General Manager of Gemini Computer Systems (which will later become a subsidiary of the Cap Gemini Group), then European Manager of

General Automation in 1974. Serge Kampf convinced Michel Jalabert to follow him at Cap Gemini, and on January 5, 1976, he joined as Group Secretary General. Michel Jalabert, Serge Kampf and Daniel Setbon, the Chief Financial Officer, were a formidable trio of negotiators who played a key role in all significant Group transactions, notably the acquisitions of SESA in 1987, HOSKYNS in 1990 and VOLMAC and PROGRAMATOR in 1992, as well as the acquisition of American companies DASD in 1981 and CGA in 1986. Michel Jalabert was particularly instrumental in the build-up of the Cap Gemini Group's Consulting arm by orchestrating the acquisitions of several well-respected companies in the sector (United Research, Mac Group, Gamma International, and especially, the Bossard Group).

In 1997, Serge Kampf imposed Michel Jalabert as Vice-Chairman of the Supervisory Board created at the request of Daimler-Benz, a shareholder, and chaired by Klaus Mangold. In that role, Michel Jalabert's mission was to rein in Daimler Benz's itches to take over the Group. When Cap Gemini freed itself of German supervision and returned to being a traditional French *société anonyme* (public limited company) in May 2000, Michel Jalabert became a member of the Group's Board of Directors, a role he played actively until he passed away.

In the Group's history, Michel Jalabert will forever be known as one of the architects of Cap Gemini's remarkable success. His many friends in the Group will remember him as a discreet, highly intelligent man, of a vast culture driven by his constant curiosity about all things. They will remember a man who was generous, attentive to others, and loyal to both his convictions and his friends. They will remember a man of great courage, which he demonstrated in many circumstances until the end of his days, with a great sense of humour.

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