

Novatec was established in November 2006 as a University of L'Aquila spin-off company aiming at spending in the market knowledge and skills acquired by university founders. The involvement of an industrial partner immediately proved to be necessary and useful to provide the company with the "doing business" knowledge and expertise. Tecnomatic Abruzzo, a leader company in the field of assembly automatic lines, enthusiastically responded to this proposal and made available to Novatec all its know-how, including the process technologies one.

At its beginning, Novatec was incubated within the laboratories of the Mechanical, Thermal and Managerial Engineering Department (Engineering Faculty in Roio Montelucio) and, after an unavailability period of six months due to the earthquake occurred on 6th April 2009, it came back to these laboratories in October. After the earthquake, Novatec had a temporary headquarter in a camper, in operation since 10th

April, and then in a garage. It never abandoned L'Aquila, persuaded that it had to facilitate the economic fabric restart of the town thanks to its own activities.

The company logo was created for free by a student of the Engineering Faculty of L'Aquila University and has a precise meaning. It represents a "head" boasting of an intelligence in order to show Novatec professionalism and good ideas. The "head" open shape suggests the take-off idea and, therefore, the flexibility and the desire to interact with other realities.

From this open "head" the NOVATEC texts comes out. The result of the intelligence designing and interacting is precisely Novatec as well as all its staff which works in order to achieve a single important goal: innovation.

Novatec provides high added value technical services within following domains: machines and plants engineering, design and problem-solving - business management – production management and control - organizational processes definition.

Novatec also offers the turnkey development of special machines and of innovative products by working in close collaboration with the academic world and by enhancing the technologies developed in university laboratories.

Novatec social structure consists of university professors and junior researchers (holding 51% of the capital), University of L'Aquila (5%) and Tecnomatic SpA, (the remaining 44%).