

HISTORICAL FACT SHEET Telephone Industry Related Companies



COMPANY Societe Industrielle des Telephones (SIT)

DATE ORGANIZED 1879-1880

WHERE ORGANIZED Paris, France

FOUNDER(S) _____

NATURE OF BUSINESS Manufacturer

Subsequent names or significant changes resulting from acquisitions, consolidation, sales or bankruptcies:

DATE

After an infusion of capital became Société générale des Telehones (SGT) _____

by merging the Compagnie des Téléphones and the _____

Société Berthon & Compagnie 1881

Following a merger with a cable and rubber company, SGT became _____

Societe Industrielle des Telephones (SIT) 1893

SIT bought by Compagnie Générale d'Electricité 1936

REMARKS The company was formed to exploit the patents of Edison, Gray and Breguet by the French Government who controlled all aspects of telephone service.

In 1893, when it became SIT, the company patented the Ader systems named after the famous inventor Clément Ader.

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