

CARBONE LORRAINE

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SALE OF BNP PARIBAS' 21% INTEREST

25% INCREASE IN THE FREE FLOAT

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PRESS RELEASE

Following an accelerated placement with French and international investors on Monday April 4, BNP Paribas has sold its entire shareholding in Carbone Lorraine, which represented 21% of the Group's share capital.

Commenting on this event, Claude Coccozza, Carbone Lorraine's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer said:

"BNP Paribas was a shareholder for almost ten years and supported us with all our expansion and redeployment plans. We greatly appreciated the long-term backing provided by this demanding, but loyal shareholder.

We are now embarking on a new chapter in our history, fully confident in our expansion strategy for the coming years.

Longstanding shareholders, together with those who joined us recently, are set to benefit from this new era in our development, as well as from the 25% increase in our free float as a result of BNP Paribas' withdrawal. It should also boost the liquidity of our shares and thus positively influence our share price performance."

For 2005, Carbone Lorraine targets sales growth of 3-4% on a like-for-like basis, on a par with that recorded in 2004, plus another strong increase in operating income of around 25%.

From 2006 onwards, the business ventures currently being launched with the funds provided by last October's successful rights issue are set to pick up the baton, paving the way for further earnings growth.

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Carbone Lorraine is a worldwide specialist in advanced materials for extreme environments and in mission-critical electrical components for industry. The Group holds leadership positions in its core businesses:

- Advanced Materials and Technologies
 - World #1 in anti-corrosion equipment
 - World #2 in high-temperature applications of graphite
- Electrical Components
 - World #1 in brushes for electric motors
 - World #2 in industrial fuses

The Group is listed on the Premier Marché of the Paris Stock Exchange and is a constituent of the CAC Mid100 and Next 150 indices.

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