

# CARBONE LORRAINE

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## Successful commercial launch for CL Clad®

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**CL Clad®, Carbone Lorraine's new technology, is winning over the acetic acid market.**

Two major CL Clad® contracts were recently gained, which are set to generate €6 million in additional sales for the anticorrosion equipment business during the 2008 fiscal year. This patented new Carbone Lorraine technology will be employed by US and Chinese manufacturers operating in the acetic acid market.

Acetic acid is a chemical compound used in the manufacture of numerous consumer products, such as paints, cosmetics, plastic bottles and certain drugs. Carbone Lorraine landed these orders on the strength of its CL Clad® technology and its global presence.

These commercial gains are the result of the investments made recently in France, where a workshop dedicated to CL Clad® opened up in late 2006. CL Clad® technology consists in brazing steel onto noble metal sheets. It is used in anticorrosion equipment, notably columns and reactors, for the fine chemicals and pharmaceuticals industries. This new material will enable the Group's customers to cut their maintenance costs, boost their production capacity and enhance the safety of their installations.

The Group has also set up a plant in Shanghai (China), making it a force to be reckoned with in this very fast-growing region. This facility will be able to use the material produced in France and thus serve the Chinese market with the same quality of product as that delivered to US and European customers.

These new contracts represent a major milestone in the execution of Carbone Lorraine's expansion strategy, which is notably based on its ability to innovate and its development in Asia.

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## About Carbone Lorraine

Carbone Lorraine is a world leader in graphite solutions and electrical components. The Group specialises in the use of high-tech materials in highly demanding industrial environments and in the development of systems essential to a safe electrical motors' operation and to the protection of electrical equipment. With more than 85% of its sales achieved outside France, the Group holds leadership positions in all of its core businesses.

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| Advanced Materials and Technologies | - World number one in graphite anticorrosion equipment                    |
|                                     | - World number two in high-temperature applications of isostatic graphite |
| Electrical Applications             | - World number one in brushes for electric motors                         |
| Electrical Protection               | - World number one in fuses for power semiconductors                      |
|                                     | - World number two in industrial fuses                                    |

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