

**Carbone Lorraine strengthens its positions
in anti-corrosion equipment**

Carbone Lorraine plans to acquire the "Fluorinated polymer-lined piping systems" European activity of Plastic Omnium's Performance Plastics Products (3P) division. This business, which posted sales of €5 million in 2002, is set to strengthen Carbone Lorraine's corresponding unit at the Pagny-sur-Moselle site (France) during 2003. The deal is likely to be finalised within the next months after consultation of the relevant employee bodies.

Carbone Lorraine is already the world leader in anti-corrosion equipment for corrosive and hot fluids serving the chemical and pharmaceutical industries. This plan should help make it the only European actor able to offer its customers comprehensive solutions encompassing both equipment (heat exchangers in graphite and noble metals) and transport piping.

It is also set to extend Carbone Lorraine's European leadership in anti-corrosion equipment through the addition of the acquired activity's distribution network and by providing access to major new customers.

This move fits with the Group's strategy of profitable growth, which aims to bolster its competitive positions in all its businesses, while contributing to its customers' success by developing more and more innovative solutions.

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About Carbone Lorraine

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- *Electrical Applications* / *World number one in brushes for electric motors*
- *Permanent Magnets* / *World number three in magnets for automobile applications*
- *Electrical Protection* / *World number two in industrial fuses*
- *Advanced Materials and Technologies* / *World number one in thermal anti-corrosion equipment*

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