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Temporary halt of lead production at the Weser-Metall GmbH site in Nordenham

Recylex Group's subsidiary, Weser-Metall GmbH, which operates the lead smelter in Nordenham (Germany), has temporarily halted its production following a technical incident that damaged a part of the furnace. The damage was only material, without any personal injury to deplore, and was rapidly contained.

The operational staffs are all mobilized and repair work is already underway. The Group anticipates that production will restart mid December 2010.

This incident will have a significant impact on the 2010 earnings of the lead business segment and the Group's consolidated cash as at 31 December 2010.

Weser-Metall GmbH is currently reviewing with its insurers how to proceed in order to minimize the resulting operating losses and damages.

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Operating in France, Germany and Belgium, Recylex specializes in recycling lead and plastic (from automobile and industrial batteries), recycling zinc from steel mill dust, and producing zinc oxides and special metals for the electronics industry.

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