



# PRESS RELEASE

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## **Temporary shutdown of Waelz oxide production at Harz-Metall GmbH's Goslar plant in Germany**

Harz-Metall GmbH, a subsidiary of Recylex GmbH, today announced its decision to temporarily shut down the production of Waelz oxides (zinc) from recycling steel plant dust. This measure has been taken as a result of general market trends, with a decrease in steel plant production and partial or full shutdowns by major clients generating a decline in volumes processed and a contraction in demand.

The production of Waelz oxides of Harz-Metall GmbH represented approximately 4% of Recylex Group's sales as at December 31, 2007 and decreased to approximately 3% of the Group's sales as at June 30, 2008.

This decision forms part of a forward-looking, sound economical and industrial approach.

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### ***RECYLEX: Recycler, transformer, value-maker***

*Based in France, Germany and Belgium, Recylex is a specialist in the field of lead and plastic recycling (from automotive and industrial batteries), the recycling of zinc from electronic steel and the production of zinc oxides and of special metals for the electronics industry.*

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