

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORTING FIRST QUARTER 2008

(Article L 451-1-2, IV of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code Monétaire et Financier*) and article 221-1 of the AMF General Regulation (*Règlement Général de l'Autorité des Marchés Financiers*))

- **Metal prices**

The first quarter 2008 has been marked by the continuing increase of lead prices and the continuation of the downward correction of zinc prices which started in the second half of 2007.

- **Consolidated turnover (tax excluded) per business segment – non audited**

<i>In thousand of euros</i>	First Quarter 2008	First Quarter 2007
Lead	62 876	57 599
Zinc	27 339	37 054
Special metals	6 890	5 281
others (including plastics)	4 488	3 713
TOTAL turnover	101 593	103 647

- **Mother company**

At the end of March 2008, the mother company's turnover was amounting to 18,8 million euros, of which 18,3 million were allocated to the "Lead" business and 0,5 million euros to the "others" business segment. At the end of the first quarter 2007, the mother company's turnover was amounting to 16,8 million euros, of which 16,3 million were allocated to the "Lead" business and 0,5 million euros to the "others" business segment.

▪ **Pending legal proceedings**

- The claim initiated in 2006 by former employees of Metaleurop Nord for damages totalling approximately 18 million euros is still pending before the Labour court (*Conseil des Prud'hommes*) of Lens (France) (Management and Industry sections):
 - On October 19, 2007, the Industry section postponed the case to the hearing of December 5, 2007, at which the case was pleaded again, but this time in the presence of the President of the Court of Instance of Lens who shall have a casting vote. The decision is expected on June 27, 2008.
 - The pleadings for the Management section took place at the hearing of January 29, 2008. The decision will be rendered on September 30, 2008.
- The claim for repayment of liabilities of the company Metaleurop Nord initiated by the liquidators of Metaleurop Nord is pending before the Commercial section of the Court of Appeal of Douai (*Cour d'Appel de Douai*) further to the appeal lodged by the liquidators of Metaleurop Nord against the decision of February 27, 2007 of the High Court of Béthune (*Tribunal de Grande Instance de Béthune*) which considered that Recylex SA was not a de facto manager of Metaleurop Nord. The liquidators of Metaleurop Nord are claiming 50 million euros. As of this date, the appeal schedule has not been determined yet.

▪ **Events relating to subsidiaries**

- The Nordenham (Germany) plant (lead foundry) had to face a three-weeks maintenance shutdown during March 2008, which decrease the sales volume compared to the first quarter 2007. The last important maintenance shutdown occurred in December 2006.
- At the end of January 2008, high levels of mercury were measured on the plant of the Belgian subsidiary FMM S.A. The management of FMM, in cooperation with the Belgian authorities, immediately took the necessary measures to avoid any risks for environment and side residents. The furnace was then stopped and since then, a permanent mercury monitoring system has been placed in view of restarting the furnace in the coming days. The origin of such pollution has not been identified yet, but it was clearly an accident, since this plant does not treat any material containing mercury. This accident does not imply any reconsideration of the ISO 14001 certification granted by the certification authority SGS, nor the environmental permit of FMM and should not have any significant impact at a group level.

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