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Nomination of a new Management Board

Luc Themelin appointed as Chairman of the Management Board

The Company's Supervisory Board has acknowledged differences of opinion with Ernest Totino, Chairman of the Management Board, regarding the organisation of the Group's Management. Accordingly, the Supervisory Board has taken the unanimous decision to terminate his appointment as Chairman and member of the Management Board.

The Supervisory Board has named a new Chairman of the Management Board and appointed new members with immediate application. The Management Board is to be chaired by Luc Themelin (already a member of the Management Board) and its members will also include Thomas Baumgartner, Chief Financial Officer, Christophe Bommier, Group Vice President, High Temperatures, Didier Muller, Group Vice President, Electrical Applications, and Marc Vinet, Group Vice President, Electrical Protection.

The composition of the new Management Board reflects both continuity and the desire to get Mersen main operational managers more involved into the Group's executive management.

The Supervisory Board has stated its entire confidence in the Group's development prospects and in particular in the ability of the new Management Board to carry out growth projects in line with its current strategy.

As announced on July 20, the Company will release its interim results on August 31 and will raise its objectives for the current year.

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Biographies of the Members of the Management Board

Luc Themelin

Luc Themelin has spent the bulk of his career with the Mersen group, having originally been hired as a Research and Development engineer. He was appointed as the Director of the Braking division in 1998 and then of the High Temperatures division in 2004. He joined the Executive Committee in 2005, while continuing to manage the Braking division and to oversee the High Temperatures division. On July 1, 2008, Luc Themelin was appointed as Supervisor of the Electrical Applications division and a member of the Management Board in May 2009. Luc Themelin holds a PhD in materials science.

Thomas Baumgartner.

Thomas Baumgartner began his career in 1996 with Crédit Lyonnais as a credit analyst, before taking over as relationship manager of industrial large accounts. In 1999, he joined the Group as Head of Financing and Cash Management, before becoming Vice President, Planning and

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Controlling. In March 2010, Thomas Baumgartner was appointed as CFO. Thomas Baumgartner is a graduate of the IEP Paris school.

Christophe Bommier

Christophe Bommier began his career with Pechiney as an R&D engineer, before joining the Group in 1989 where he rapidly rose through the ranks to become Vice President, Braking. In 1998, he moved to the United States where he took charge of the North American operations of the High Temperatures division, before being appointed Vice President, High Temperatures Asia in 2006. During 2010, he was appointed as Group Vice President, High Temperatures. Christophe Bommier is a graduate of the Paris School of Physics and Chemistry.

Didier Muller

Didier Muller began his career in 1981 and held several sales and marketing positions before moving to Pechiney in 1987 as Sales and Marketing Director. He joined the Mersen group in 1989, being given responsibility for various subsidiaries and divisions, predominantly in international markets, before being appointed Group Vice President, Electrical Applications in 2006. Didier Muller is a graduate of the Sup de Co Rouen business school.

Marc Vinet

Marc Vinet began his career as an engineer with Ferraz in the United States. During 1994, he took over responsibility for the international development of the power electrotechnical division. During 1998, he jointly ran a German subsidiary of Ferraz. After returning to France in 2002, he was appointed as manager of the coolers and power electronics product line. During 2005, he joined the executive committee of the Electrical Protection division as sales and marketing director. Since 2008, he has run the Electrical Protection division. Marc Vinet holds a master's degree in economic science and a Supelec engineering diploma.

About Mersen

Global expert in materials and solutions for extreme environments as well as in the safety and reliability of electrical equipment Mersen designs innovative solutions to address its clients' specific needs to enable them to optimize their manufacturing process in sectors such as energy, transportation, electronics, chemical, pharmaceutical and process industries.

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