

# CARBONE LORRAINE

*Dedicated Innovation, Dedicated Partner*



## Development of Electrical Protection activities

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**Ferraz Shawmut, a wholly owned subsidiary of Carbone Lorraine, is expanding into an adjacent business by acquiring expertise in high-power contactors and the manufacture of electrical equipment in panels and cubicles.**

**This move, which takes the form of the acquisition of a majority shareholding in the company Lenoir Elec, fits perfectly with the policy of accelerating the pace of Carbone Lorraine's growth namely through development of the Electrical Protection segment's activities.**

**Lenoir Elec** boasts unique expertise in contactors (used to control power flow in high power circuits), protection cubicles for the same circuits and electrical insulators. The tight fit between the products marketed by **Ferraz Shawmut** (fuses, power-isolating switches, etc.) and by **Lenoir Elec** as well as the similarities between their customers and markets (transportation, industry) will give rise to substantial commercial synergies. Combining the two product ranges will also extend Carbone Lorraine's offering by supplying complete systems alongside its current range of components.

Based in France with 32 employees, **Lenoir Elec** posted 2005 sales of €5 million and a high operating margin. The company has developed recognized technology, as recently illustrated by the supply of high-power contactors for CERN's new particle accelerator in Geneva (Switzerland) and for the Three Gorges dam in China.

The acquisition of this shareholding, which satisfies the Group's value creation criteria for selective acquisitions, will help to accelerate the pace of **Carbone Lorraine's** growth from next year onwards.

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### **About Carbone Lorraine**

Carbone Lorraine is a world leader in graphite solutions and electrical components. The Group specialises in the use of high-tech materials in highly demanding industrial environments and in the development of systems essential to a safe electrical motors' operation and to the protection of electrical equipment. With more than 85% of its sales achieved outside France, the Group holds leadership positions in all of its core businesses.

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- Advanced Materials and Technologies - World number one in graphite anticorrosion equipment  
- World number two in high-temperature applications of isostatic graphite
- Electrical Applications - World number one in brushes for electric motors
- Electrical Protection - World number one in fuses for power semiconductors  
- World number two in industrial fuses

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