



Opening of an advanced technology workshop in Shanghai

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Carbone Lorraine has continued its policy of expanding in Asia by inaugurating a new manufacturing facility in Shanghai dedicated to the wind energy market and industrial applications.

Over 100 guests, including leading Asian manufacturers, the international press and the local authorities, yesterday visited the Carbone Lorraine group's new workshop in China.

The ultra-modern industrial complex that occupies over 4,000 square meters is devoted to the manufacture of brushes and brushholders, as well as innovative slip-ring assemblies and signal transmission systems, which are products dedicated to wind energy, power generation, industrial and rail applications.

Thanks to its advanced technology installations and substantial production capacity, the plant will supply a large number of countries in Asia. The only plant in the region able to manufacture slip-ring assemblies for high-power wind turbines (several MW) and slip-ring assemblies for signal transmission, it will be able to meet demand from Asian and international manufacturers.

This project is predicated on the Group's expertise in international expansion and the robust skills of its Chinese teams.

The entry into service of this new workshop in China is part of the Group's strategy founded on geographical expansion in Asia and active positioning in buoyant markets. Carbone Lorraine expects growth in its sales of around 20% p.a. in the wind energy market. This market constitutes a major part of the Group's expansion strategy, which aims to deliver sales totaling €1 billion in 2011.

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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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