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Acquisition of Van Dam, Dutch specialist in blast-proof and fireproof doors and walls

On 31 December, Groupe Gorgé completed the acquisition of the Dutch company Van Dam, based in the Netherlands and sold by the Hollandia Group. The acquisition was made through the creation of a holding company based in the Netherlands, which is 90%-owned by Groupe Gorgé with the remaining 10% of capital owned by the company's manager, who invested alongside the Group. The purchase was financed by using a part of the funds raised by the Group at the end of 2012 in the framework of a bond issue and a Schuldschein private placement loan (*press release of 11 December 2012*). In 2012 Van Dam reported revenue of nearly €8 million, a historical operating profit of around 7%.

Van Dam is strongly placed in the market for blast-proof and fireproof doors and walls, a field in which Groupe Gorgé is already a leading operator. Its main markets are oil and gas (offshore rigs), defence (ship doors) and offshore wind-farms (substation equipment).

The company does nearly all its business in the export market (Middle East, Asia, Central America, etc.), primarily in the areas of development which Groupe Gorgé has already targeted.

This acquisition is important because it responds to several of the Group's strategic objectives:

- The internationalisation of its core business Industrial Projects & Services, whose share of export business should jump from 5% in 2010 to 30% by 2013;
- The reinforcement of skills in the fields of fire protection and special risks;
- The strengthening of the Group's leader positions in the niche market of high-tech doors.

Van Dam is a direct competitor to Booth, a branch of the English group Redhall, in which Groupe Gorgé has been the principal shareholder since 2012.

About Groupe Gorgé

Established in 1990, Groupe Gorgé is an industrial group operating in three areas of expertise:

Smart Safety Systems – *Using technology to work in risk environments. Group Gorgé holds 63.88% of the capital in ECA, listed on the NYSE Euronext exchange in Paris – Compartment C;*

Protection in Nuclear Environments – *Protecting people and securing buildings operating with radioactive materials;*

Industrial Projects & Services – *Conducting industrial projects for industry and service-sector players.*

In 2011, the Group reported revenue of €228.8 million, up 17%. It is backed by 1,260 employees and operations in over ten countries.

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