

## Bureau Veritas pursues its development in China, with the acquisition of Ningbo Hengxin

Wendel welcomes the acquisition by Bureau Veritas of a 70% equity stake in Ningbo Hengxin Engineering Testing Co., Ltd ("Ningbo Hengxin"), a Chinese company specialized in non-destructive inspection and metallurgical testing.

Founded in the 1970s, the company is based in Ningbo, one of the economic hubs of Zhejiang province. Ningbo Hengxin is located in Zhenhai Petrochemical and Refinery Center, one of the largest petrochemical clusters in Asia. Ningbo Hengxin provides services to the oil and chemical industry principally in eastern China. It employs more than 330 people with a revenue of around € 16 million in 2014.

This second acquisition in China since the beginning of the year reinforces the current presence of Bureau Veritas into the industrial equipment and infrastructure inspection Chinese market sector, and allows it to take full advantage of the strong growth of this sector.

This transaction will contribute positively to Bureau Veritas long-term value creation. Wendel is the main shareholder of Bureau Veritas with 51% of its capital.

### 2015 Calendar

<b>Publication of 2014 earnings</b> / Publication of NAV (pre-market release)	Thursday, March 26, 2015
<b>Shareholders' Meeting</b> / Publication of NAV and trading update	Friday, June 5, 2015

#### About Wendel

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Wendel is listed on Eurolist by Euronext Paris.

Standard & Poor's ratings: Long-term: BBB-, stable outlook – Short-term: A-3 since July 7, 2014.

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