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## Philippe Donche-Gay is appointed Chief Operating Officer of Bureau Veritas



### **Philippe Donche-Gay is appointed Chief Operating Officer of Bureau Veritas and becomes a member of the Management Board and Executive Vice President**

Philippe Donche-Gay, who will bring to Bureau Veritas his international operational experience from major service companies, will lead all the Group's operations. His mission will be to strengthen the coordination of Bureau Veritas' eight businesses by developing synergies, the management of key accounts and international contracts, as well as services linked to outsourcing.

For Bureau Veritas, world leader in conformity assessment and certification services present in 140 countries, the appointment of Philippe Donche-Gay marks the Group's desire to strengthen its management, while it pursues a quick development strategy to double its 2006 revenue by 2011.

"We are very happy to welcome Philippe Donche-Gay. Given the size and diversity of Bureau Veritas' businesses, it has become necessary to consolidate the close link between the operational teams and the general management. This is why, with the full agreement of the Supervisory Board, I have decided to strengthen the Group's management by welcoming a high-profile leader" declared Frank Piedelièvre, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Bureau Veritas' Management Board will now have three members: Frank Piedelièvre, its President, François Tardan, Chief Financial Officer and Philippe Donche-Gay, Chief Operating Officer.

Philippe Donche-Gay is a graduate of the Ecole Polytechnique and Stanford University in California. Born in Argentina, he started his career at IBM in 1982 where he occupied various management positions in France and the United States. In 1994, he joined Capgemini's international management and from 1996 took part in building a worldwide entity dedicated to the Telecommunications market, becoming its CEO in 2001. In 2004, he was appointed CEO of Capgemini France, and in January 2007, he became Capgemini's CEO for Western Europe and South America. A member of Capgemini Group's Executive Committee, he was also responsible for the global coordination of the "Technology Services" discipline.

#### About Bureau Veritas

Founded in 1828, Bureau Veritas is an international group specialised in the inspection, analysis, audit and certification of products, infrastructures (buildings, industrial sites, equipment, ships, etc.) and management systems (ISO standards, etc.) in relation to regulatory or voluntary frameworks. Bureau Veritas ranks as the world's second largest group in conformity assessment and certification services in the fields of quality, health and safety, environment and social responsibility (QHSE), and is the world leader in QHSE services, not including the inspection of raw materials. Bureau Veritas is recognised and accredited by major national and international organisations.

Bureau Veritas is present in 140 countries through a network of 850 offices and laboratories. As at June 30, 2008, it numbered upwards of 38,000 employees and a client base of more than 300,000.

Since 1996, Bureau Veritas has posted average annual growth of 15% in revenue and 22% in adjusted operating profit. In 2007, the group reported revenue of €2 067 billion, adjusted operating profit of €312 million and adjusted net profit (Group share) of €193 million. Bureau Veritas has been listed on Euronext Paris (Compartment A, code ISIN FR 0006174348, mnemonic: BVI) since October 24, 2007.

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