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Legrand strengthens its position in energy distribution with the acquisition of Alpes Technologies

- **Legrand acquires Alpes Technologies, a leader in the optimization and measurement of electricity quality in France**
- **Legrand pursues expansion in power distribution, rounding out its offer and entering new markets**

After its recent acquisition of Kontaktor, Russia's leading producer of power circuit-breakers, and Wuxi, a Chinese specialist in energy distribution, Legrand is continuing expansion in the field with the purchase of Alpes Technologies, a French leader in systems designed to optimize and measure the quality of electricity for commercial and industrial applications.

By giving Legrand access to this fast-growing market, Alpes Technologies rounds out Legrand's presence in power distribution, where the Group is already present through an outstanding offering in circuit breakers, power enclosures, transformers and busbars, with sales rising steeply.

By improving the quality of electric current, the products and systems developed by Alpes Technologies also reduce energy consumption, thus strengthening Legrand's positions in the rapidly expanding market for energy-saving equipment.

Generating annual sales of approximately €10 million, Alpes Technologies has around 40 employees and will build on Legrand's sales and marketing structures in France and abroad to accelerate its growth.

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Key dates

- 2007 annual results: February 7, 2008
- 2008 first-quarter results: May 7, 2008
- General Meeting of Shareholders: May 22, 2008

ABOUT LEGRAND

Legrand (www.legrandelectric.com) is the world specialist in products and systems for electrical installations and information networks, offering solutions for use in residential, commercial and industrial buildings. Operating in over 60 countries with sales of €3.7 billion in 2006, it employs about 33,000 people and its catalogues list more than 130,000 products. At Legrand, innovation drives growth: with nearly 5% of sales invested in R&D every year, the Group brings out a steady stream of new, high added-value products.

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