



Wendel has learned via the press, that the Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF), the French securities regulator, is conducting an investigation into possible "illegal insider trading" on Wendel shares. Wendel is not aware of the events – if any – that led to the investigation or to this leak. Wendel emphasizes, however, that the investigation is focusing on trading in Wendel shares and not specifically "on Wendel" or on "insider trading at Wendel", as has been reported in certain media.

Wendel places great importance on protecting inside information and condemns the use of such information, if any. Naturally, Wendel will use its resources to provide whatever assistance it can to the AMF, as it did during previous confidential investigations, which by the way, were closed without any consequences.

#### **About Wendel**

Wendel is one of Europe's leading listed investment firms. The Group invests in France and abroad, in companies that are leaders in their businesses: Bureau Veritas, Legrand, Saint-Gobain, Materis and Stahl. Wendel plays an active role as industry shareholder in these companies. It implements long-term development strategies, which involve boosting growth and margins of companies so as to enhance their leading market positions. Through Oranje-Nassau Développement, which brings together opportunities for investment in growth, diversification and innovation, Wendel also invests in Van Gansewinkel Groep in the Netherlands, except in Germany, and Mecatherm and Parcours in France.

Wendel is listed on Eurolist by Euronext Paris and is included in the Next 20 index.

Standard & Poor's rating: Long term: BB-, negative outlook - Short term: B since October 10, 2011.

Wendel is the founding sponsor of the Centre Pompidou-Metz, which on September 23, 2011, welcomed more than 1.4 million visitors since opening its doors in May 2010.

As a result of its commitment for a long time in the field of Culture, Wendel received the title of Major Partner of the French Ministry of Culture on March, 23th 2012.



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