

## PRESS RELEASE

## Bureau Veritas acquires Toplis Marine Inspection and Testing in the Philippines

**Neuilly-sur-Seine, France, August 26, 2011** – Bureau Veritas is pleased to announce the acquisition of Toplis Marine Inspection and Testing, an independent cargo survey company and the Philippines representative of Inspectorate (a Bureau Veritas' company) for the last five years.

Toplis Marine offers a full range of cargo inspections and testing services for oil, minerals and coal. Based in Manila, Toplis operates in six locations across the country. The company has 30 employees and should generate revenues of €0.8 million in 2011.

The Philippines are a growing market for commodities, in particular for minerals and coal. New mines are opening up in coal, nickel, iron ore and chrome ore. Bureau Veritas is already a leading player in commodities and this acquisition will strengthen its network in South East Asia.

## About Bureau Veritas

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