



Bureau Veritas acquires 100 % of Chile's Cesmec Group

Paris, February 4, 2008 – Bureau Veritas has agreed to acquire all of the shares of the Chilean company Centro de Estudios, Medicion y Certification de Calidad Cesmec Limitada ("Cesmec"), pursuing its development through external growth, one of the key elements of the Group's strategy.

Founded in 1968 and headquartered in Santiago, Chile, Cesmec comprises several companies located in Chile, Peru and Argentina in 11 sites and has overall around 950 employees.

Cesmec provides a broad range of conformity assessment services including:

- Inspection and testing services for the mining, agro-food and chemical industries.
- Certification of management systems (ISO 9000, ISO 14000, OHSAS, HACCP) and of products (electrical equipment, fuel and safety equipment).
- Health & Safety and Environmental services (notably air, water, soil, waste and noise measurements).
- Construction quality control, including construction material testing and technical inspection for work sites.

In 2007, the Cesmec Group posted a turnover of 15,383 million Chilean pesos (21.5 million euros) and an EBITA of 1,530 million Chilean pesos (2.1 million euros).

This acquisition significantly enhances the presence of the Bureau Veritas Group in Latin America where the Group will have now 3,700 employees and a leadership position for inspection and testing services in Chile. By integrating Cesmec, Bureau Veritas will also expand its service portfolio for the mining industry from the solid base already brought by CCI Holdings, an Australian company acquired in June 2007.

The closing of this acquisition will take place before March 31, 2008 following completion of company restructurings which are being conducted by the sellers in cooperation with Bureau Veritas.

About Bureau Veritas

Founded in 1828, Bureau Veritas is an international group specialised in the inspection, analysis, audit, and certification of products, infrastructure (buildings, industrial sites, equipment, ships, etc.) and management systems (ISO standards etc.) in relation to regulatory or voluntary standards.

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 the world leader in QHSE services not including commodity testing. Bureau Veritas is recognised and accredited by major national and international organisations.

Bureau Veritas is present in 140 countries through a network of 700 offices and laboratories. It has more than 33,000 employees and a client base of more than 280,000.

Since October 24, 2007, Bureau Veritas has been listed on the Euronext Paris Eurolist (Compartment A, code ISIN FR 0006174348, mnemonic: BVI).

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