# Dedicated Innovation, Dedicated Partner Appointment of a new COO Paris, May 21st, 2008

In the process of preparing for the succession of Claude Cocozza, Chairman and CEO of Carbone Lorraine, the Board of Directors has appointed **Ernest Totino** as Chief Operating Officer from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2008.

Ernest Totino has spent most of his career in Carbone Lorraine, where he started as a R&D engineer, and then was in charge of production. He became a plant manager and later the head of the "anticorrosion equipment division". He was appointed to the Group Executive Committee in 2005 where he is in charge of supervising the "anticorrosion equipment" and "industrial brushes" businesses as well as the corporate "MIS" and "purchasing" departments.

Ernest Totino is 49 and has a PhD in Chemistry.

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### **About Carbone Lorraine**

Carbone Lorraine is a world leader in graphite solutions and electrical components. The Group specialises in the use of high-tech materials in highly demanding industrial environments and in the development of systems essential to a safe electrical motors' operation and to the protection of electrical equipment. With more than 85% of its sales achieved outside France, the Group holds leadership positions in all of its core businesses.

Advanced Materials and Technologies

- World number one in graphite anticorrosion equipment
- World number two in high-temperature applications of isostatic graphite

**Electrical Applications** 

World number one in brushes for electric motors

**Electrical Protection** 

- World number one in fuses for power semiconductors
- World number two in industrial fuses

The Group is listed on the Premier Marché of the Paris Stock Exchange and is a constituent of the CAC Mid100, SBF120 and Next 150 indices.

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