



## Disposal of the Brushes for automobile and household electrical appliances division

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Carbone Lorraine has announced the disposal of the **Brushes and brushholders for automobile and household electrical appliances division** to US investment fund **MidMark Capital**.

This sale represents a key phase in the strategic refocusing drive that the Group has been pursuing in recent years. It has notably included the divestment of all its activities in the automobile industry. This objective has now been attained.

The businesses sold include assets and companies located largely in Germany, France, India, Mexico and Tunisia. The number of employees transferred stands at around 1,500.

The divestment was priced at €20 million. Given the difficulties currently facing the automobile industry, Carbone Lorraine has agreed to participate in the financing for this transaction. €10 million will be received over a period of five years, including 40% in 2009. The remainder of the consideration will be received based on a timetable depending on the performance of the business.

The Group recognized the disposal in its 2008 financial statements based on a price tag of €10 million, which is the portion of the consideration not linked to attainment of objectives.

The division's sales came to €70 million in 2008 and €12 million in the first quarter of 2009. It recorded an operating loss before non-recurring items of €6.6 million in 2008.

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  - N°2 worldwide in industrial fuses

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