



**Coinciding with the centennial celebrations at the Saint Loup de Naud plant in France, Carbone Lorraine is confirming its positions in all-inclusive technology systems providing electrical protection for the industry and the urban transportation sector.**

Christian Jacob, mayor of Provins and a former minister, celebrated the centenary of the Saint Loup de Naud plant in France yesterday while underlining Carbone Lorraine's ability to innovate. He described the Group as *"an industrial champion with a prominent presence in the global arena that has over time successfully made its century-old Saint Loup de Naud plant and its more recently created plant in Provins into industry-leading facilities in the field of electrical protection"*.

Saint Loup de Naud, a plant originally owned by Ferraz Shawmut and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Carbone Lorraine, was founded in 1907 to produce electrical insulators. Currently with over 100 employees, this unit is an electrical protection center of excellence. It is dedicated to the production of power-isolating switches (from 1,000 to 200,000 amps), which are used to make power lines safe. This technological expertise constitutes a real competitive strength for Carbone Lorraine.

On the other hand, the recent acquisition of Lenoir Elec (located at Longwy) has enabled the Group to extend its offering into high-power contactors and power supply control and command boxes and cabinets. As a result, the Group has strengthened its position in electrical traction and electricity generation, as well as with large industrial companies.

Thanks to the success of this alliance, Ferraz Shawmut recently landed a electrical equipment contract for the new Marseille tram lines. This order will generate sales of over €1 million in 2007 and confirms Carbone Lorraine's position as a leading player in urban rail transportation.

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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.

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|                                     | - 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                      |
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