



Carbone Lorraine has been awarded the **2008 prize for the best financing transaction**. The prize, which was given to Jean-Claude Suquet, Group Vice President, Finance and Administration, by the **Club des Trente**, was awarded for the **PACEO (back-up equity line) program** arranged by the Group.

“The **PACEO** line represents an innovative solution that is perfectly adapted to times of crisis. It guarantees Carbone Lorraine access to equity capital and will enable it to expand in markets of the future, such as renewable energies. **PACEO** provides protection for the Group amid the current uncertain environment, while offering financial optimization opportunities”, the **Club des Trente** stated.

As part of its selection process, the Club des Trente, which comprises CFOs from the principal listed companies on the French market, endeavors to show how finance and capital markets can be used to pursue ambitious industrial strategies compatible with the aims of sustainable development.

The **PACEO** program was arranged with **Société Générale**.

Legal advisors for the transaction: **Hogan & Hartson, Jeantet Associés**.

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About Carbone Lorraine

World leader of graphite solutions and electrical components, Carbone Lorraine specializes in the implementing of high technology materials in demanding industrial environments and in the development of systems, which are fundamental to the smooth operation of the motor and the protection of electrical equipment. With over 85% of its sales carried out internationally, the Group holds leadership positions in all of its occupations.

Advanced Materials and Technologies:

- N°1 worldwide in anti-corrosion equipment in graphite
- N°2 worldwide in high temperature applications of isostatic graphite

Electrical components and Technologies:

Electrical Applications:

- N°1 worldwide in brushes for electrical motors

Electrical Protection:

- N°1 worldwide in fuses for powerful semi-conductors
- N°2 worldwide in industrial fuses

*The Group is listed at Premier Marché de la Bourse de Paris and is a part of the following indices
CAC Mid100, SBF120 et Next 150.*

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