



## Strong growth in the first semester 2007

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During the second quarter 2007, Carbone Lorraine recorded consolidated sales of 178 M€, up by 9% in historical value and 8% on a like for like basis.

During the semester, sales increased to 347 M€, up by 7% in historical value and 8% on a like for like basis. By integrating the sales of recent acquisitions, the increase reached 11% at a constant exchange rate.

| Sales                               | T2 2007<br>(in M€) | Var.*<br>T2 07/<br>T2 06 | S1 2007<br>(in M€) | Var.*<br>S1 07/<br>S1 06 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Advanced Materials and Technologies | 64                 | +3%                      | 128                | +5%                      |
| Electrical Applications             | 53                 | +6%                      | 103                | +3%                      |
| Electrical Protection               | 61                 | +17%                     | 116                | +16%                     |
| <b>Group Total</b>                  | <b>178</b>         | <b>+8%</b>               | <b>347</b>         | <b>+8%</b>               |

\* on a like for like basis – numbers non-audited

### Advanced Materials and Technologies

The sales of advanced materials and technologies rose to 64 M€ during the second quarter, up by 3% on a like for like basis. The graphite equipment for the high temperature and anti-corrosion applications markets are still supported. The American graphite blocks factory is operating at full capacity and as predicted, the new Chinese factory has entered the start-up phase.

Sales reached 128 M€ over the course of the semester and are progressing by 8% at constant exchange rates by integrating sales from companies that were acquired last year.

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### **Electrical Applications**

In Electrical Applications, sales of 53 M€ for the second quarter are increasing by 6% on a like for like basis. The growth is benefiting from the high demand from the wind energy industry. In addition, sales for the automotive industry stabilized thanks to an increase in prices and development in Asia.

Over the semester, sales of Electrical Applications rose to 103 M€ and are progressing by 6% at a stable exchange rate with the integration of newly consolidated sales in India.

### **Electrical Protection**

In Electrical Protection, sales reached 61 M€ during the second quarter and are increasing by 17% on a like for like basis. Growth is strong in general usage fuses as well as in fuses and cooling devices used to protect semi-conductors.

Over the course of the semester, Electrical Protection sales reached 116 M€ and are progressing by 19% at a stable exchange rate by including the sales of Lenoir Elec, which was acquired in the beginning of the year.

### **Outlook**

The sustained activity during the first semester is pushing the group to review the objective for 2007 full-year sales. Within the current economic situation, the growth should be at least 6% to 7% on a like for like basis.

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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 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

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