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Launch of the "we-are-ims" website

Nanterre, **16**th **February 2009** – IMS, a European leader in the distribution of special steels, announces the launch of its www.we-are-ims.com website.

This new site aims to preserve the interests of IMS, its staff and its shareholders, within the context of the attempt to establish creeping control of the Company IMS is currently facing and the related campaign of misinformation.

In this way, IMS wants to highlight its results and a project of which the Group is proud; underline the Group's strengths and performances, but above all its teams' expertise and professionalism across Europe. IMS wants to emphasise its wealth and the quality of its staff through numerous interventions and speeches that bear witness to the fondness IMS staff have for their Group, its history and its future.

This new site, regularly updated, aims to share our vision and our development strategy for IMS, and to provide everyone, in all transparency, with the information necessary to fairly assess the many statements and pieces of information issued about the IMS Group.



IMS is a European leader in the distribution of wear-resistant steel, stainless steel and engineering steel. With a workforce of close to 2,200 staff in 17 European countries, IMS recorded 2008 turnover of 1.4 billion euros.

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