

Séchilienne-Sidec has been informed of the opening of a safeguard procedure (*Procédure de Sauvegarde*) by the Commerce Court of Paris regarding Financière Hélios, following Financière Helios' request.

Séchilienne-Sidec notifies that this procedure has no consequences on the ongoing business of the group and no incidence on its indebtedness or financial situation.

Financière Helios is the main shareholder of Séchilienne Sidec with 43,1% of the shares. Financière Helios is controlled by funds managed by Apax Partners SA and Altamir Amboise.

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SECHILIENNE-SIDEC (ISIN: FR0000060402 – SECH) is an alternative energy producer, 43.10% owned by Financière Helios. The Group builds and operates thermal, wind and solar power plants in Europe, the Indian Ocean and the Caribbean with a total operating capacity of 579 Megawatts at 31 December 2008.

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