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Decision of the Orleans Commercial Court

The Mr Bricolage Group announces the decision, of 11 December 2009, of the Orleans Commercial Court, following the application on 11 August 2008 by the Central Regional Division of the DGCCRF⁽¹⁾ seeking the cancellation of €10.2 million in supplier service agreements and a €2 million civil fine for Mr.Bricolage SA. These applications by the DGCCRF followed the findings of an audit carried out in 2005 arising from events dating back to 2004 and 2005.

Mr Bricolage SA was ultimately ordered to pay a €1 million fine, without returning to the suppliers the sums relating to the services. The government has one month, from 15 December 2009, in which to appeal this decision.

The Mr Bricolage Group is currently examining the possibility of appealing this decision and, as the case may be, will fund the necessary provisions in its 2009 consolidated financial statements. For reference, Mr Bricolage SA notes that its operating profit amounted to €32.1 million ⁽²⁾, with a net profit of €18.9 million ^{(2) (3)}.

(1) DGCCRF: French Department of Competition, Consumption and Fraud Prevention

(2) Figures for FY 2008, ending 31.12.2008

(3) Net profit, Group share, of continuing operations.

ABOUT THE MR BRICOLAGE GROUP



No. 3 DIY retailer in France (with close to 650 outlets), following the Group's acquisition of "Les Briconautes" and present in 10 other countries (51 stores), the Mr Bricolage Group operates over 1,600,000 m² under the Mr.Bricolage, Catena, Les Briconautes and Les Jardinautes brands. With some 12,000 employees, combined Group turnover (incl. tax) amounts to close to €2.2 billion.

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