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## **Dispute between Mr Bricolage SA and SAS Bricorama France Court appointed expert assesses the indemnity in favour of Mr Bricolage SA at €9.8 million**

**In a case that has been ongoing since 2000 between Mr Bricolage SA and SAS Bricorama France, the expert appointed by the Paris Appeal Court to assess the damage suffered by Mr Bricolage SA, has submitted his report. He has assessed the amount of this damage at €9.8 million.**

The case dates back to 2000, when a group of franchisees sold their stores to Bricorama France, without respecting the pre-emptive right held by Mr Bricolage.

On 15 November 2006, the Paris Appeal Court found that this sale was null and void, and ordered Bricorama France to indemnify Mr Bricolage SA for the damage suffered. In this regard, it appointed an expert to assess the amount thereof and ordered Bricorama France to pay Mr Bricolage SA an advance payment on damage of €500,000.

On 26 March 2008, the appeal lodged by Bricorama France was rejected by the Highest Appeal Court, thereby confirming definitively the judgement handed down on 15 November 2006.

On the basis of the report of the court-appointed expert submitted on 29 December 2009, Mr Bricolage SA has just asked the Paris Appeal Court to order Bricorama France to pay it the sum of €9,799,053 on top of various other amounts of damages not assessed in the report.

### **Assessment of the financial impact on Mr Bricolage SA**

In light of the expert report, Mr Bricolage SA, pursuant to accounting standards, will recognise in its 2009 consolidated financial statements, pre-tax income of €9.3 million (the €0.5 million advance having already been accounted in 2007). The impact on 2009 consolidated net profit is thus assessed at €6.1 million.

The Mr Bricolage Group's annual results will be published on 16 March 2010 (after market close).

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Q4 2009 turnover, 15 February 2010 (after market close) <**



**ABOUT THE MR BRICOLAGE GROUP**

**No. 3 DIY retailer in France (600 outlets) and present in 10 other countries (51 stores), the Mr Bricolage Group operates over 1,600,000 m<sup>2</sup> under the Mr Bricolage, Catena, Briconautes and Jardinautes brands. It had some 200 affiliates as of 31 December 2009.**

**With over 12,000 employees worldwide, the Group as a whole generated turnover including tax of close to €2.2 billion in 2009.**

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