

## Wendel vehemently refutes the CRAN's unfounded accusations

Wendel is stupefied to learn that legal action has been initiated against it for alleged "ties to the Negro slave trade", for being an "accomplice to crimes against humanity" and for "hiding crimes against humanity".

Wendel vehemently refutes these unfounded accusations. The Negro slave trade does not have and has never had any historical, economic or intellectual connection with Wendel. The nature and seriousness of these allegations are contrary to all of the values and commitments that the Wendel group and its teams promote throughout the world.

On this National Day of Remembrance of the Slave Trade, Slavery and their Abolition, Wendel would like to reaffirm its deep attachment to the duty of remembrance.

Wendel reserves all rights to demand reparation for these vile accusations.

### 2015 Calendar

<b>Shareholders' Meeting</b> / Publication of NAV and trading update (pre-market release)	Friday, June 5, 2015
<b>H1 2015 earnings</b> / Publication of NAV (pre-market release)	Thursday, September 10, 2015
<b>2015 Investor Day</b> / Publication of NAV and trading update (pre-market release)	Thursday, December 3, 2015

### About Wendel

Wendel is one of Europe's leading listed investment firms. The Group invests internationally, in companies that are leaders in their field, such as Bureau Veritas, Saint-Gobain, Materis Paints, Stahl, IHS and Constantia Flexibles. Wendel plays an active role as industry shareholder in these companies. It implements long-term development strategies, which involve boosting growth and margins of companies so as to enhance their leading market positions. Through Oranje-Nassau Développement, which brings together opportunities for investment in growth, diversification and innovation, Wendel is also a shareholder of exceet in Germany, Mecatherm and Parcours in France, Nippon Oil Pump in Japan, Saham Group in Africa and CSP Technologies in the United States.

Wendel is listed on Eurolist by Euronext Paris.

Standard & Poor's ratings: Long-term: BBB-, stable outlook – Short-term: A-3 since July 7, 2014.

Wendel is the Founding Sponsor of Centre Pompidou-Metz. In recognition of its long-term patronage of the arts, Wendel received the distinction of "Grand Mécène de la Culture" in 2012.



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